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RASKO RUNS RIOT



Sydney Olympic captain Peter Raskopoulos proudly holds the Northern Division trophy aloft while jubilant Olympic fans begin their celebrations. PHOTO COURTESY MODERN STUDIO, 750-7242.

THERE were emotional scenes after Sydney Olympic's magnificent Northern Division Grand Final win over a gallant St George team last Sunday but probably none compared to those involving Olympic captain Peter Raskopoulos and his father.

While delirious Olympic fans were still celebrating the 3-2 win out on the field and chanting "Ol-ym-pic, Ol-ym-pic" the scene inside the dressing room was no less frantic.

In an enthusiastic winner's room after the game emotions ran high as Rasko proudly relived the agonies and the joys of Sunday's 120 minutes of drama-charged action.

Midway through his interview with the media Stan Raskopoulos, Peter's father, rushed through the dressing room door with arms held out wide and embraced his son in a poignant moment.

BY RAY GATT

Rasko, who played magnificently in probably his best performance of the season, was over the moon.

"It was the longest six minutes I've spent on a football field after Chris (Kalantzis) scored the winning goal.

"I'm glad we won because dad was going to punish me by making me work tomorrow (Monday) if we had been beaten," he joked.

Rasko knows little about Adelaide City, the team Olympic plays in the first leg of the National Grand Final on Sunday.

SLATER CAN SEEK HIS OWN TERMS

BLACKTOWN CITY's exciting striker Robbie Slater is in a position to ferret out the best terms he can get from opposing clubs and report back to the Demons.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Slater, highly regarded for his classy running on and off the ball, could leave the Gabbie Stadium if he can find a place in a club in the abridged NSL competition.

But Blacktown advise that they do not wish to see him go.

"We are very concerned that a \$40,000 fee has been mentioned, whereas all we have done is to give the player permission to talk with other clubs," secretary Peter Thorne said.

"Actually we have placed no fee on his head at all.

"If he gets an offer that interests him he can come back to us and we

will talk with the club concerned."

Slater's contract ends in November 1987 and at that stage he could go for a \$15,000 transfer fee.

Blacktown is determined to put on a brave showing in the NSW State League and players of Slater's calibre will enable them to do it.

And that might yet mean that Slater could help to spearhead their march back to the NSL. After all, as Peter Thorne says, the players at Blacktown know just where they stand.

It is one of the most stable Soccer clubs right throughout Australia, with a big future.

CROATIA CRACKS FRANKEN FOR 1987

SYDNEY CROATIA, the Northern NSL League minor premiers, last night won the torrid battle to sign up Canberra City Olympians' brilliant goalkeeper, Anthony Franken for next season.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Franken, 21, was much sought after by at least four other NSL clubs (three of which were from Sydney), that had high aspiration of securing his services from next season.

Mr Tony Basic, Sydney Croatia's popular president told ASW exclusively last night:

"Our manager-coach, Vedran Rozic, rates Anthony as technically the best goalkeeper in Australia and wanted him for next season.

"As a responsible

committee, we had to sign him for our club."

With Canberra City Olympians dropping out of the NSL's new 14 club format for next season, it was obvious that a mad scramble would be made for Franken's services.

Franken, who still has another 12 months to complete his studies for his Sports Coaching degree at Canberra's College of Advanced Education, burst into the headlines in 1983 at Mexico's World Youth Championships with his spectacular performances.

A graduate from the Australian Institute of Sport, he was personally fostered through by A.I.S. senior coach, Jimmy Shoulder.

Franken told ASW last night:

"I'm delighted to join Croatia. It is a progressive and well managed club."

It is no secret that Sydney City's ace coach, Eddie Thomson desperately wanted Franken four months ago when he was experiencing goalkeeping problems.

Franken's transfer of \$12,000 must surely be the biggest bargain in the history of the NSL.

GRAND FINAL LIVE ON SBS-TV NEXT WEEK

DESPITE statements by the NSL to the contrary, SBS-TV will cover the second leg of the National Grand Final between Sydney Olympic and Adelaide City, live to its interstate network from Sydney's Parramatta Stadium.

Executive Sports Producer of SBS-TV, Mr Gary Thornthwaite, told ASW last night:

"We will beam the

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

second leg of the National Grand Final live to all centres bar Sydney."

But I firmly believe that SBS-TV will wait till the last possible moment before making a final decision to telecast it live into Sydney as well.

League officials last night were adamant that Sydney would not get the direct telecast.

Next Sunday's first leg of the Grand Final in Adelaide will be screened at 10.30pm the same evening.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP



ADELAIDE CITY SOUTHERN DIVISION GRAND FINAL WINNERS FOR 1986



VIDMAR AND MAXWELL DRIVE ADELAIDE CITY TO GLORY

A FIVE MINUTE second half blitz from Adelaide City Juventus was enough to break the back of Footscray in Sunday's NSL Southern Division grand final at Olympic Park.

During those five minutes City strikers Aureio Vidmar and Steve Maxwell scored the vital goals that allowed the visitors to take control of the game that had been slipping away from their grasp.

After an even first half Adelaide City went behind in the 47th minute when Suleiman Curovic blasted home one of the goals of the season from all of 40 metres out.

The goal gave Footscray the spur they needed and they piled on the pressure in search of a second.

However City rallied and pounced on some loose marking at the back to regain the upper hand.

The match reached an absorbing climax and both teams, fighting for all they were worth, displayed great courage and determination.

Adelaide held firm until the very end and deserved their victory.

Yet it could have been JUST captain Zravko Lujic hoisting the winner's trophy after the game had his team not lost concentration dur-

BY CARLO DEL PORTO

ing that vital turning point of the game.

Aside from a well-taken free-kick from City's Adrian Santrac early in the game, Footscray had enjoyed the better of the chances — with the game only seven minutes old Warren Spink could have punished a loose ball from only metres out but Adelaide keeper Willy McNally was equal to the task and saved well.

The first half did not see many clear cut goalscoring opportunities and the game was a tight and competitive affair — it was after all a grand final and the 5000 strong crowd were expecting nothing less.

The last 10 minutes of the first half belonged clearly to the Blues as they took control in midfield through renowned ball players Ernie Tapai and Vlado Stosic.

But what was lacking was that final incisive pass and many promising moves broke down on the edge of the penal-

Curovic's magnificent goal broke the deadlock and had the crowd buzzing for 10 minutes.

JUST were very unlucky not to go two up when a corner from Tapai found big Vojo Vuckevic but a defender's header rebounded off the crossbar.

It was at this point that the match changed course dramatically.

In the 73rd minute Charlie Villani squared the ball after a good run and Vidmar was on hand to latch on to a fine volley which left Footscray keeper Zoran Nikitovic flatfooted.

Three minutes later Sergio Melta found space to go behind the Footscray defence and his cross fell to Joe Mullen who drove home his team's second — however the linesman adjudged that there had been an offside and the goal was disallowed.

Ironically Maxwell was on hand to make amends shortly after good work again from Melta to give his team the lead.

During all this activity one could not help wondering what had happened to Footscray.

Right near the end Tapai put his captain through and what could have been a late equaliser turned out to be a weak effort from a tired-looking Lujic.

Full marks must go to Adelaide City, who last Sunday showed that as well as being a highly skilled and professional outfit, they are an extremely courageous side.

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Barjaktarevic (Burlak 790m), Karic, Vuckevic, Belic, Tapai, Stosic, Bozinovski (Petrovski 79m), Lujic, Curovic, Spink.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Shillabeer, Tobin, Nyskohus, Flounders, Melta, Santrac, Villani, Mullen, Maxwell, Vidmar.

Referee: G.Power. Crowd: 5100.



THE successful Adelaide City team.



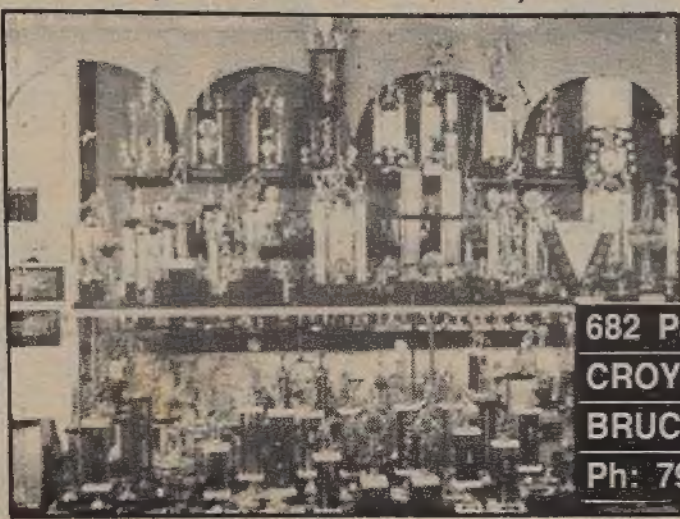
VLADE STOSIC mounts an attack for Footscray on the left whilst he and Rado Barjaktarevic clear the danger on the right.



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WHAT THE EXPERTS SAID

Adelaide City captain BUGGSY NYSKOHUS was naturally elated with his team's performance. He told ASW: "We have come a long way and I always knew we would win despite the great goal from Curovic. We have had the same squad for three years and it is a great achievement. Our coach deserves all the credit."

"A lot of the lads are young and still have a long way to go, but they are very promising and today they proved it." Victorious Adelaide City coach ZORAN

MATIC stated: "Adelaide have surprised everyone except me. I knew my boys would come back even if everyone always makes us the underdogs in these matches."

"The players wanted badly to win and they deserved the praise."

On the showdown with Sydney giants the Olympic, Matic added: "We will not start favourites but our chances will be 50/50. If we play well we can win."

VETERAN Footscray skipper ZRAVKO LU-

JIC was a very dejected man. His team had come so far only to lose. "We were on top for 65 minutes then some bad marking cost us two quick goals. Everyone wanted us to win today and we disappointed a lot of people," Lujic said.

On his club's outlook for 1987, he added: "The club is looking for two good players. If we get them and if Seki stays then we will have a big year until next season." A disconsolate but talkative Footscray coach DRAGOSLAV SEKU-

LARIC was blunt in his comments. "We lacked 10 minutes of intelligence and lost concentration, forgetting to mark the opposition and panicking."

"Last Wednesday we had a bit of luck but today we had none at all."

Seularic was full of praise for Adelaide City. "They are the best team in Australia at the moment." He added that he will be taking it easy over the next two months before deciding whether or not to coach Footscray in 1987.

OLYMPIC AIRWAYS SOCCER LEAGUE ROUND UP



SYDNEY OLYMPIC NORTHERN DIVISION GRAND FINAL WINNERS FOR 1986



OLYMPIC'S GRAND FINAL AGAINST BRAVE SAINTS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC withstood the ravages of 330 minutes of non-stop football in just eight days to wrest the NSL Northern Division grand final honours from the grasp of gallant St George at Parramatta Stadium on Sunday.

The winning goal was delayed until the 114th minute, when sheer magic came from the unflappable skills of Vince Estavillo followed by the clinical finishing of Chris Kalantzis.

Estavillo got his telling pass away. Afterwards Kalantzis, eyes shining with joy, recounted what had happened.

"I cut inside David Ratcliffe and this time I was able to take a look. I could see where Terry Greedy was, so I put it alongside of him."

After the ball went in hundreds of Olympic fans invaded the field, with Kalantzis going as far as to remove the shirt from his own back in some kind of celebration.

It was a day of high drama and non-stop football in which Olympic overcame that leaden footed feeling to go away with a 3-2 victory.

There should not have been a loser on the day because neither team deserved that fate, but only one could be accommodated in Adelaide and then back at Parramatta in the National Finals.

Just one minute from the end of extra time Mike Coady went in with a raw tackle inside the penalty box. Afterwards Coady himself and Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer allowed that they had expected referee Bill Monteverde to award a penalty.

However the point

BY KEITH GILMOUR

was that he didn't, even if it was for reasons best known to himself. Perhaps a riot had been avoided.

Coady claimed that he had been fouled just prior to the event, but no matter what, Mr Monteverde had made his decision.

Games such as this can swing on such an event, but to dwell too long on this point does a disservice to the many close calls that occurred.

Some of the most dramatic took place when Olympic had the Saints under siege from the 57th to the 64th minutes.

Ratcliffe somehow cleared a certain goal off the line from a Johnston header, twice Greedy pulled in headers from Marshall Soper, and Mike O'Shea whipped another off the line from Johnston.

Saints, with the benefit of seven days preparation in contrast with Olympic having to break the deadlock with Croatia 4-3 in overtime on Wednesday night, certainly began as the fresher unit.

As expected, the Saints succeeded in picking up a run of free kicks within ten metres of Olympic's penalty area and in the early stages they pestered Olympic's defence unmercifully.

Estavillo, who along with Peter Raskopoulos and Gary Phillips had marvellous games, used his skills to point to

things to come.

As he did so Gary Meier was able to enjoy his place in the sun without undue trouble.

In the 32nd minute a 20 metre rocket from Phillips thudded into the Saints' net and the whole stadium went wild.

Three minutes later Coady should have spirited the ball away, but Saints won possession and Peter Petkovski had the equaliser.

John O'Shea put his side ahead with a crisp 54th minute shot after David Skeen had tossed over a high ball and Meier lost possession under pressure.

It was next a case of Soper to the rescue and he was well set up for a 2-2 equaliser by Kalantzis and Johnston.

A kick and retaliation saw Johnston and Robbie O'Shea off to the showers, and on the day the bigger loss was the former. Olympic will also rue his absence against Adelaide City next week.

Kalantzis hit the bar to celebrate extra time and both sides made damaging raids as the atmosphere remained electric.

Then came that glorious Kalantzis goal that tied it up 3-2 for Olympic.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Rogers, Spanoudakis, Dakos (Zervas 94m), Coady, Estavillo, Raskopoulos, Phillips, Johnston, Soper (Patalis 98m), Kalantzis.

ST GEORGE: Greedy, Skeen, R.O'Shea, Ratcliffe, M.O'Shea, Ricoy Boogaard (Orsagh 91m), J.O'Shea, Petkovski (Dilerenshaw 84m), Fletcher, Koczka.



Sydney Olympic's CHRIS KALANTZIS finds himself surrounded by a bevy of St George opponents during the Northern Division Grand Final at Parramatta Stadium. From left, Pedro Ricoy, David Ratcliffe, Kalantzis and David Skeen.



THE Olympic bench wait expectantly for the final whistle with the score 3-2 near the end of extra time. Pictured are Manfred Schaefer, Marshall Soper and Simon Brandt.

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAID

"This is one of the proudest days of my life." It was not hard to see that Sydney Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer was over the moon with the result.

BY RAY GATT

"But," he continued, "I am more proud for the boys and the way they fought back."

"What a display of courage and character. It was typical of a Grand Final."

"For us to come back as we did after all the football we have played in the last week is just something else."

Schaefer, who will leave the club at the end of the season, said he thought his team would win the match from the time Gary Phillips scored the opening goal

of the match.

Schaefer played coy when asked about the no-penalty ruling in the last minute of the match.

St George coach Frank Arok did well to hide the disappointment and agony of defeat.

"It was a great game and a fighting finish to the season. You have to hand it to Sydney Olympic," Arok said.

"Regardless of which team won, it is hard to swallow that one of the teams had to win and the other had to lose."

He would not be drawn into making a fuss about referee Bill Monteverde's decision not to award the Saints a blatant penalty in the last minute.

"I have only criticised a referee once in the last six years and I am not about to do it now."

"He made the ruling how he saw it. I'll leave it to you people (the media) to pass judgement," he said.

Olympic captain Peter Raskopoulos said: "It was the longest six minutes I have spent on a football field after Chris (Kalantzis) scored the winning goal."

"When Gary Phillips scored it gave us a

great lift but when they equalised we felt like a squashed sausage."

St George captain David Ratcliffe, who ran his heart out all day and saved his team several times, was philosophical about the defeat and the no penalty ruling.

"That's the way it goes," he said. "We had our chances but we did not take them."

We leave the last comments to Mr Monteverde.

Asked about his controversial ruling, he said: "What penalty? I did not see any penalty."



JOYOUS celebrations afterwards at the Sydney Olympic club, as from left, Peter Raskopoulos, Martyn Rogers, Stuart Johnston, Tom Doumanis (president) and Marshall Soper get that win feeling.

THE GLOVES ARE OFF WITH TERRY GREEDY



DAVID RATCLIFFE — he will be missed.

THE decision by Dave Ratcliffe (better known to some as Albert) to retire from the international scene comes as no surprise.

For weeks he has been contemplating taking the plunge.

With a new arrival in the family plus heavy work commitments the decision has been made for him.

The fact that most of

the opposing strikers seem to be getting faster this year probably did not have any bearing on his decision.

Replacing 'Albert' and his World Cup central defensive partner 'Rockmelon' O'Connor will not be an easy task for Frank Arok.

Those in contention at the moment are Robbie Dunn, Alan Hunter and Gary McDowall, who were all tried against Czechoslovakia.

One player who has performed at a consistently high standard and deserves an opportunity to stake his claims for one of the vacant positions in the centre of defence for the Socceroos is Mike O'Shea from St George.

Week after week Mike has been the star performer for the Saints and no doubt will be rewarded with the club's Best and Fairest award.

It's difficult to recall any striker getting the better of Mike this season and I have no hesitation in saying that he is as good (if not better) than those presently fighting for the position in the National team.

Mike is a player's player who receives little recognition from the media for his sterling performances.



TERRY GREEDY

But ask anyone in the Saints' team about his importance to the side and you began to realise his true worth to the club.

Hopefully the upcoming games against New Zealand will see the youngest member of the O'Shea family lining up in the Green and Gold.

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Having been a member of the last team to contest the Ampol Cup in China, I can recall some of the officials stating after the game against the Chinese national team that in future the itinerary would be organised so that the Socceroos had the benefit of a few warm-up games against provincial sides before having to contest the Ampol Cup.

It is always difficult for the National team players to come together and pick up where they last left off.

A few games are needed to rekindle the understanding that builds up from playing with the same players.

It was disappointing to read the itinerary for the China tour this November has not been planned with warm-up games proceeding the Cup clash.

Once again the team is expected to play the national team first up and then proceed on to the other games.

Hopefully games can be arranged on the way to China so that the team is in a stronger position to retain the Cup that Australia presently holds.

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At the end of every season we hear the usual rumours about Sydney City not participating in the next year's league. This year is no exception.

The only difference this year is the people who are talking about the club pulling out are the ones you would expect to know the situation.

As the most successful team since the league's inception it would be a



MIKE O'SHEA — his successor?

shame if they were to withdraw from next year's re-organised National League.

Although poor crowd pullers at the Athletic Field, they are able to draw excellent crowds when they play away, as they always give value for money.

I find it amazing that a licensed club originally formed for the express reason to finance the Soccer team should decide that they no longer wish to continue assisting the team to which they owe their existence.

It seems, with the success and growth of the licensed club, priorities have changed markedly since the early days.

And what of the play-

ers (many of whom are rated as the best in the game?)

Will they be prepared to wait and see what the future holds in store for the Slickers, or will they endeavour to move and secure their future in the league for next year and the years to come?

Either way there should be a mad scramble by clubs to sign the Slickers' personal.

With players from so many teams already on the transfer market, next year's competition could provide a few surprises as players come and go from the various clubs.

It should be interesting!

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK

SYD OLYMPIC TIPPED TO WIN NAT FINAL

SYDNEY OLYMPIC will start favourites to take out their first National Grand Final when they clash with Adelaide City in the first leg at the Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

Olympic, who missed out in 1984 against South Melbourne Hellas, last Sunday defeated St George 3-2 in spectacular fashion in extra time at the Parramatta Stadium.

They now look to be too strong for Adelaide City, although the boys from SA must not be taken too lightly.

Last Sunday they trailed 1-0 against Footscray before they stormed home with two quick goals to take out the Southern Grand Final and upset the bookies.

Speaking about the coming match against Adcity Olympic's captain and Socceroo midfielder Peter Raskopoulos, said last night:

"It was a real battle to take out the Northern Final and now we must finish the job by cracking the National Title."

Mike Coady, Olympic's star centre-back, also commented:

"We have managed the Houdini act three times so far. We got out of jail against Marconi, then Sydney Croatia and last Sunday against St George. We may as well go right through now."

Sydney Olympic, however, will be travelling to South Australia without their Scottish utility player, Stuart Johnston.

Johnston was sent off

By JOHN ECONOMOS

in last Sunday's Grand Final following a clash with St George's Robbie O'Shea, who was also sent off by Brisbane referee Bill Montevarde.

Adelaide City's defence is well marshalled by their captain and sweeper Bugsy Nyskohus, who will present a sturdy defence against Sydney Olympic's block-busting twin-strikers, Chris Kalantzis and Marshall Soper.

But Adelaide will have a card or two up their sleeves.

Midfield schemer Sergio Melta and the tough-tackling Charlie Villani will cause Olympic's midfield problems.

Adelaide City's attack-trio of Steve Maxwell, Joe Mullen and Aurelio Vidmar, with quality ball-supply and playing at home, could cause an upset.

Olympic may well play next Sunday with only three midfielders, electing to bring in another striker to join Soper and Kalantzis up front.

Ring John Economos on 660 2033 if you are in search for coaches and/or players.

Terry Patalis could be brought in on the right flank, allowing the explosive Soper to shift into the middle where he is most dangerous.

Adelaide City's expected line-up should be:

McNally: Shillabeer, Flounders, Nyskohus, Tobin: Sandtrac, Melta, Villani: Maxwell, Mullen, Vidmar.

Sydney Olympic's line-up is expected to be:

Meier: Rogers, Coady, Dakos, Spanoudakis: Phillips, Raskopoulos, Estavillo: Patalis, Soper and Kalantzis.



Chris Kalantzis

OFF SEASON ACTIVITIES

WITH the final stages of the season almost over, naturally coaches and players are thinking of a break, and then toward 1987.

Even in the closed season, though, there is still a good deal to look forward to, particularly on the national scene.

Our senior team has New Zealand home and away for the Trans Tasman Cup and then the China tour for the Ampol Cup.

The young Socceroos also will be travelling to New Zealand and then to Thailand for the Kings Cup, whilst the U/16's will be off to Taiwan to try and qualify for next year's World U/16 Cup.

So there is still a lot to look forward to.

It's also coaching course time and it would be good to see a lot of



BY ALAN VEST

players and ex-players on the courses at Valentine Park, Parklea, the home of the NSW Soccer Federation.

A number of courses are scheduled in the off-season and enquiries are welcome on the Federation No. 629 1800.

COURSES COMING UP

LEVEL II
COURSE 1 18, 19, 25, 26, Oct. 1, 2 Nov.
COURSE 2 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23 Nov.
COURSE 3 29, 30 Nov.
6, 7, 13, 14 Dec.

FITNESS FOR SOCCER COURSE
1st, 2nd Nov.

BRIDGING COURSE
6th, 7th Dec.

LEVEL III COURSE
4th, 9th January '87

SCHOOLBOY COURSE
1 11th-16th Jan
2 18th-23rd January.

All the courses are filling up, but there are still vacancies and we suggest early bookings.

GRAND FINAL Parramatta Stadium

SUN OCTOBER 5
AIS 3 BLACKTOWN 0

PAUL TRIMBOLI, who missed to cut off point for the Australian Youth team for New Zealand, scored twice and John Koch scored also to give the Australian Institute of Sport a 3-0 win over Blacktown City in the NSL Youth League grand final.

The teams were: AIS: Peter Gunning, David Healey, John Koch, Alex Cumming, Kurt Reynolds, Tim Mullen, Jason Polak, Paul Foster, Paul Trimboli, Jason van Blerk, Gareth Naven. Reserves: David Mower, David Clarkson, Anthony Grbac, Robert Runje, Craig Foster.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Borry Hoare, David Sharpe, Russell Gendle, Mathew Bourke, Darren Northam, Scott Ashton (Bow), Brian Ellem, Paul Quarmby, Mark Moffett, Martin Bourke, Paul Welch. Reserves: Paul Haywood, Peter Bennett, David Scott, Andrew Bow, Yural Yildiz.

Prelliminary final at St George Stadium Wed October 1
BLACKTOWN CITY 1, SYDNEY CITY 0

A last minute goal by Blacktown City's

Paul Welch gave his team the right to play AIS in the grand final.

The game was a sparkling end to end affair, with the players turning on a tremendous performance.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Barry Hoare, David Sharpe, Russell Gendle, Mathew Bourke, David Scott, Scott Ashton, Brian Ellem, Martin Bourke, Mark Moffett, Andrew Bow, Paul Welch. Res: Paul Haywood, Peter Bennett, Gurol Yildiz, Sean Fudge.

SYDNEY CITY: Brett Hughes, David Barrett, Michael Criticos, Jeff Briggs, Fabian Sacilotto, Andy Harper, Tony Parish, Tom Ponditas, Graham Patterson, John-Paul de Marigny, Colin Junna. Res: Steve Garmy, Steve Lundy, Michael Lardis, Mario Gerassis, Dane Sharp. Referee: M. Pollock.

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MELBOURNE ELIMINATES ENDURO SPARTANS



ENDURO SPARTANS ... They represent Campbelltown and Illawarra, south west and south of Sydney.

With the Valley Stars placing the ball at the kickoff spot, it was a very brave move which saw Rodney White dribble pass all defenders to slot the ball home and give the Valley stars the two goal break with just ten minutes remaining.

With time ticking away fouls by the Ansett Valley Stars enabled the Enduro Spartans to have numerous free shots for goals which certainly gave them a chance to get back into the match.

With time running out goals from free shot positions brought the Enduro Spartans level with only seconds remaining.

With only nine seconds to go a foul outside the goal area enabled the Enduro Spartans to steal the match, with Charlie Akkari placing home the shot which left Dean Hamilton, goalkeeper for the Valleys, with no chance. The final score saw the Enduro Spartans running out winners in a very fair and enjoyable match — 4-3.

— ANTHONY CASSAR

JAMES HARDIE NATIONAL INDOOR SOCCER LEAGUE

POINTS TABLE TO 28.9.86

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
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| Tornadoes | 10 | 9 | - | 1 | 55 | 25 | 28 |
| Lotto | 10 | 7 | - | 3 | 44 | 39 | 24 |
| Brisbane Buffulo | 10 | 5 | - | 5 | 39 | 34 | 20 |
| Canberra Strikers | 8 | 5 | - | 3 | 41 | 38 | 18 |
| Enduro Spartans | 9 | 4 | - | 5 | 56 | 59 | 17 |
| Melb. Eliminators | 8 | 3 | - | 5 | 45 | 58 | 14 |
| Ansett Valley Stars | 6 | 3 | - | 3 | 36 | 25 | 12 |
| C'berra Ampol Rock | 7 | 2 | - | 5 | 37 | 39 | 11 |
| Buffulo Mets | 7 | 2 | - | 5 | 30 | 39 | 9 |
| Mackay Monarchs | 5 | 0 | - | 5 | 6 | 22 | 5 |

Saturday, 11th October:

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| Sydney Tornadoes | v | Mackay Monarchs |
| Enduro Spartans | v | Mackay Monarchs |
| Buffalo Mets | v | Canberra Rockets |
| Melbourne | v | Canberra City |
| Eliminators | v | Canberra City |
| Buffalo Mets | v | Canberra City |
| Ansett Stars | v | Canberra Rockets |

Sunday, 12th October:

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| Lotto All Stars | v | Mackay Monarchs |
| Melbourne | v | Canberra Rockets |
| Eliminators | v | Canberra City |
| Ansett Stars | v | Canberra City |

AT THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT IN CANBERRA

CANBERRA CITY STRIKERS v BRISBANE BOMBERS 10-4

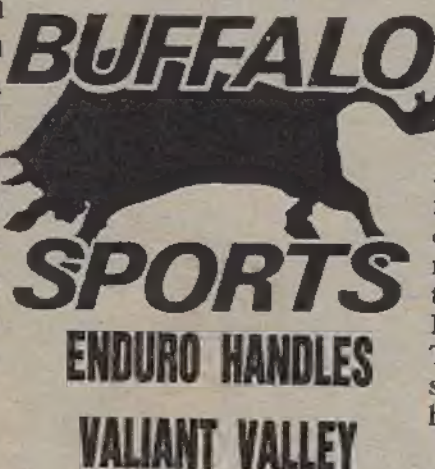
GOAL SCORERS-

| CANBERRA CITY STRIKERS | |
|------------------------|---|
| Ian Murray | 1 |
| Billie Stewart | 2 |
| Oscar Langone | 1 |
| Baz Giampaolo | 2 |
| Billie Willox | 1 |
| Ian Shaw | 2 |

| BRISBANE BOMBERS | |
|------------------|---|
| Colin Simpson | 1 |
| Roberto Letteiri | 1 |
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THE Strikers were at full strength with the availability of a number of players from the National League.

The Brisbane Bombers appeared very tired from their journey, however the Strikers fought well and dominated all aspects of the game.



ENDURO HANDLES VALIANT VALLEY

GAME PLAYED ON 21st SEPTEMBER 1986

ANSETT VALLEY STARS v ENDURO SPARTANS 3-4

THE game on Sunday between Ansett

Valley Stars and the Sydney based Enduro Spartans turned out to be the best exhibition of indoor Soccer seen in the National League so far this season.

With both teams intent on keeping possession of the ball early on, it was obvious from the kickoff that this game was going to be very tough and a close encounter.

The Ansett Valley Stars, who were without striker, Effie Cassar, attacked furiously early in the first half and were very keen to register the opening goal of the match. However, superb goalkeeping by the Spartans enabled scores to remain level approaching the midway point of the game.

Both teams settled down before the break and after seeing excellent and skilful Soccer, it was clearly evident that the second half of this match would be very exciting.

After the change over the Valley Stars were desperate and after 26 minutes of play, all their hard work paid off when Joey Tanti leapt high to head the ball home for the Valley Stars first goal of the match.

The Valley Stars were on fire and backed up by a superb crowd, pushed forward at every opportunity. Three minutes later an excellent through pass by Jimmy Henderson saw Joey Tanti in the clear to score the Valley's and his own second goal.

It was clearly possible that J. Tanti was the man to watch in the second half and all eyes were on him as he turned and weaved his way around to Spartans defence aiming for his third goal.

That the Valley Stars pushed forward at every opportunity a surprise interception by Hilton Silva caught the Valleys

unaware and with a simple pass to Charlie Akkari saw the Sydney side break through with a well timed shot passed the diving Dean Hamilton.



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The Editor

NOT long back a move was initiated in National Soccer League circles under which a leading Australian firm of management consultants would be engaged to review the future organisation of Soccer in Australia.

This would have meant the co-operation of both the National League and the Australian Soccer Federation.

From reports received the project was given the thumbs down in the ASF area and consequently nothing has come of it.

The passing of time, however, has made it no less clear that such a step is vital to the progress of the game.

In the ASF impressive lists of arrangements are issued for the various national teams and internal budgeting is observed.

This may be considered to be in order up to a point, but it is essential that the overall planning of the game and its promotion be examined.

Not the least area to be explored is the interface between the ASF and the NSL.

No consideration in the conduct of the game should be allowed to get around this essential type of planning.

The areas that should be examined include the structure, financial arrangements, increasing the revenues, removal of areas of waste of both money and resources, ethnicity, coverage of more major population groupings and so on.

There have been some huge improvements in the coaching area, yet we know from the standards of major Soccer nations such as Argentina, Brazil, Italy, Britain and West Germany that we are only just scratching the surface.

In the amateur, junior and schools section of the game only NSW, Queensland and the ACT could be said to be winning support at an acceptable rate.

One of the problems of a Federal system is that each component (or state) runs its own boat, and that is held to apply whether the oars are used or not, or the water is allowed to seep in through the flanks.

As it stands the game will continue on to the year dot and little will be done to adopt the successful recruitment methods of NSW, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory to the needs of the day.

No doubt remedies of such problems are not easy to apply, yet on the other hand it usually takes just one clever brain to devise a plan of attack.

Whatever is done must be properly handled and it must not be an exercise in cosmetics.

It would well be argued that the funds are not available in Soccer today which would enable a management survey to be conducted.

Actually rugby league spent well less than \$40,000 some years ago and gained incalculable benefits.

It is a matter of where the priorities lie.

OLYMPIC FIGHT BACK FROM THE DEAD TO MAKE GRAND FINAL

SYDNEY OLYMPIC defeated Sydney Croatia in a spectacular, fast and open match at the St George Stadium by 4-3 after Croatia led for most of the match.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Adelaide referee, Don Campbell, ordered extra time after the match had finished at 3 all after 90 minutes.

Sydney Croatia led Olympic 3-1 at one stage and it looked all over for the Greeks after just 63 minutes.

Stuart Johnston scored for Olympic in extra time with a header from a corner to put Olympic into Sunday's Grand Final against St George at the Parramatta Stadium.

Had Croatia's captain coach, Vederan Rozic played Croatia would not have given away their lead.

A very bad back pass by Zeljko Jurin allowed Olympic's striker, Marshall Soper to intercept and score to put them back into the match.

This surely was the major turning point in the match.

Another turning point came when Croatia's young black winger, Manis Lamond badly missed a glorious chance to put Croatia ahead 4-2 in the 68th minute and seal up the match for his team.

Lamond sneaked in behind the defence to pounce on a backpass

from Olympic's Mike Coady. He rounded 'keeper Gary Meier, but, incredibly, with an open net in front of him he pushed the ball wide of the upright.

Croatia opened the scoring in the 22nd minute when they received a penalty for a foul on Jurin by Olympic's Tony Dakos. Ever-reliable Zarko Odzakovic scored.

Croatia led 1-0 at half-time and were in control until the 52nd minute when Olympic received a penalty for a foul on Estavillo by centre-back, Marijan Kovacic. Gary Phillips scored.

But six minutes later, Croatia scored again through Graham Arnold after a corner by Lamond, who passed to Jurin, who in turn passed to Arnold.

In the 64th minute, Croatia scored again when Lamond and Arnold helped set up Jurin to hit the net.

But two minutes later, a bad back-pass by Jurin was taken by Soper who scored for Olympic to make the scoreboard 3-2 for Croatia.

The 68th minute saw Lamond's bad miss and



Zarko Odzakovic scores from the penalty spot.

Olympic made them pay. They hit back with a goal in the 76th minute through Soper to level the scores at 3 all and force extra time.

In extra time, Stuart Johnston scored for Olympic with a strong header to win the match from a corner.

After the match, Manfred Schaefer,

Olympic's coach, said: "I didn't think we could win this one after they led 3-1."

But in the Croatia dressing room, a disappointed Vederan Rozic said:

"What can I say. I am very disappointed and we should never have lost this one. Olympic after they scored their

first two goals gained great confidence and became very strong towards the end."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Rogers, Dakos, Coady, Spanoudakis: Phillips, Johnston, Reakopoulos, Estavillo: Soper Kalantzis.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Watson: Jennings, M Kovacic, Rumora, Savor: Clinch, Petkovic, Odzakovic: Jurin, Arnold, Lamond. Crowd: 8,400. Referee: Don Campbell.

FOOTSCRAY COME FROM BEHIND

FOOTSCRAY JUST came from behind to defeat Brunswick Juventus 2-1 in extra-time in the NSL Southern Division preliminary final at Olympic Park last Wednesday.

BY CARLO DEL PORTO

As a result JUST who finished last in 1985 now meet Adelaide City Juventus in the Southern Division Grand Final at Olympic Park.

Brunswick had been on top virtually from the kick-off and went ahead despite having midfielder Joe Palatsidis sent off in the 71st minute for a crude tackle on Ljube Petrovski.

Indeed Footscray's only dangerous looking move led to their goal in the 89th minute which forced the match into extra-time.

Captain Zravko Lujic scored the winner in the 100th minute of the game but to their credit Brunswick never gave in and even with a man short they still managed to squander a golden opportunity in the dying stages of this epic struggle to at least force the tie into a penalty shoot-out.

But it was not to be and the Black and Whites must now feel very disappointed at their exit from the finals after having taken out the Southern Division championship so impressively just three weeks ago.

It was sweet revenge for Footscray (whom Juve beat for the title).

The Blues went into the match without regular striker Ossie Latif — the out of touch forward was not even on the bench but otherwise coach Drago Sekularac

was able to field a full-strength side.

His counterpart Len McKendry had no such luck — he had to replace classy midfielder Mike Petersen, who was injured and needed all his squad's renowned depth to cover the loss of suspended players Scott Patterson and Robbie Cullen.

However, when the game began it was the 1985 National champions who dominated — they chased everything, marked Footscray's danger players effectively and created at least three good chances in the first half alone.

JUST 'keeper Zoran Nikitovic tipped over a shot from outside the box by promising youngster David Vesnaver, speedy striker Andrew Zinni headed just wide from a Fabio Incantalupo corner and Memet Durakovic's shot rebounded off the post to leave the 5000 strong crowd in no doubt as to which team was the more dangerous.

Brunswick continued to pile on the pressure in the second half and at the same time were stopping JUST's stars like Lujic and midfielders Ernie Tapai and Vlado Stosic from making any impact on proceedings.

Their long awaited breakthrough came in

the 76th minute when Juve's Socceroo midfielder Paul Wade headed home from a Peter Lewis cross. Then with a minute to play and with many fans beginning to leave big defender Vojo Vukcevic slammed the ball into the net after Lujic had squared his pass hard and low across the penalty area.

Vukcevic had been pushed into attack by Sekularec and the move certainly paid dividends.

Once the match entered extra-time it was natural to expect that Footscray would take advantage of their extra man.

They took the lead when stalwart goalkeep-

er Yakka Banovic failed to hold a long range shot from substitute Suleiman Curovic and Lujic was on hand to put away the loose ball.

Incredibly Juve were able to set up a clear chance through Durakovic with seconds to play but Nikitovic saved well to squash any chance of a penalty shoot out.

Referee Richard Lorenc certainly had a busy night booking seven players and the game was at times quite spiteful.

With the all-important Grand Final due to be played on Sunday one thing is certain, although Footscray are somewhat lucky to be

there no one can deny that theirs is a skilful and entertaining outfit which can destroy any team on its day.

The big question of course is, will Adelaide City play a cautious game based on quick counter-attacks or will they approach the game in a more aggressive mood and take the challenge up to JUST?

FOOTSCRAY: Nikitovic, Vukcevic, Barjaktarevic, Karic, Petrovski, Stosic (Burlak 83), Belle (Turovic 55), Bozinovski, Tapai, Lujic, Spink.

BRUNSWICK: Banovic, Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Campbell, Palatsidis (sent-off 71), Durakovic, Vesnaver (Deamicis 111), Incantalupo (Montemuro 95), Wade, Zinni. Referee: Richard Lorenc. Crowd: 5000.



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AND 'JANKO' LOSS WOULD BE DOUBLE BLOW MARCONI



TONY HENDERSON, the former Soccerroo captain who has been a mainstay of Marconi's National League side, is considering retiring from the top level of local Soccer and may drop to the State League.

BY RAY GATT

After many years of grand service to the great Fairfield club, 'Hendo' believes now might be the time to look to other fields.

"I have really enjoyed my stay at Marconi — there are many great memories to cherish — but I feel it could be

time to get out," he said.

"I want to be able to enjoy my Soccer from now on — to play without the enormous pressure placed by officials, coaches and fans.

"I can do without some of the things that

MARCONI's two longest serving players — Mark Jankovics and Tony Henderson. At left 'Janko' tangles with APIA's Terry Butler, centre — celebrating another goal and 'Hendo' at right stopping Sydney City's Paul Kay in his tracks.

have happened in recent months."

Hendo said he will consider his future within the next few weeks, but he said it was unlikely he would continue in the national league.

"I'll see how I feel and how the club feels before I make a final decision," he said.

Henderson has had a distinguished career at all levels of Australian Soccer.

The tall, solidly built blond defender came to Australia in 1977 to link with Canberra under coach Johnny Warren. He had previously played for East London in South Africa.

Hendo was transferred to Marconi for \$14,000 in 1978 where he has been ever since.

Tony's impending departure will leave a gaping hole at Marconi — not only on the field, but off it as well.

On the field, Hendo's presence could be counted to lift a Marconi team. Tall, strong, in-

telligent and commanding, Henderson earned praise from many national league coaches.

Off the field he has been a well liked, jovial character around the traps — always willing to have a chat and a beer.

Without Tony Henderson it just won't be the same at Marconi.

Meanwhile, teammate Mark Jankovics, plagued by injuries, will give it one more try next season.

Janko is determined to prove he is not finished as a national league player.

"I am only 30 and I think I still have two or three more years left in me," Mark said.

"Unfortunately, injuries have been a problem I just don't seem to have been able to overcome over the last few years."

Jankovics, who transferred to Marconi in 1978 after several seasons with St George, has always been a lethal goalscorer.

"I am confident I can still score my quota of goals if I can get myself really fit," he said.

Janko plans to go all out in the off season to

build up his muscles to withstand a tough season of football.

"I will really work hard at it before pre-season training starts," he said. "Then I will go flat out for a month at pre-season training and if the injuries are still there then I will have no alternative but to retire."

Losing Henderson would be a great blow to Marconi, but losing both Hendo and Mark Jankovics, both very popular and well liked players, would be doubly hard to cope with for Marconi and Soccer fans in general.

SYDNEY TORNADES v ANSETT VALLEY STARS 5-4

MORE IN VICTORIA ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28

THIS game could have gone any way and in the end it was decided thirteen seconds before the final whistle. It was a brilliant exhibition of Indoor Soccer which was marred only by poor refereeing.

The first half was fairly even with the Stars having better of the game in attack. The two Cassar brothers displayed brilliant skills which had the Tornados defence at sixes and sevens at times. It was no surprise to see the Stars go 1-0 ahead through Effie Cassar in a well worked move.

Shortly after the Tornados hit back through a goal by Steven Knight which was blasted into the top right hand corner from wide out. The game was end to end play through out and was a very exciting spectacle for the crowd.

Just before half time the Stars intercepted a pass and with three against two found Nigel Browne unmarked on the right who slotted the ball home. Ansett 2 — Tornados 1.

Then the Stars Manager, Robert Issell, called a time out. Personally I thought it was the wrong move. The Stars at the time were playing well and were starting to look like the winning side, but their momentum was lost when they resumed. From the kick off, Tornados attacked and Glen Jeffery scored from in close. Luckily for the Stars it was half-time and they had time to get back into their stride, during the break.

The second half began and it was fairly even all the way. The Stars scored first through Effie Cassar and then the Tornados equalised through Scott Gilligan. From then on no-one knew who was going to win.

Goal No. 4 for the Stars came from a direct free kick — Anthony Cassar strode up to take the shot and Craig Carlisle anticipating a drive could only watch the ball trickle into the net

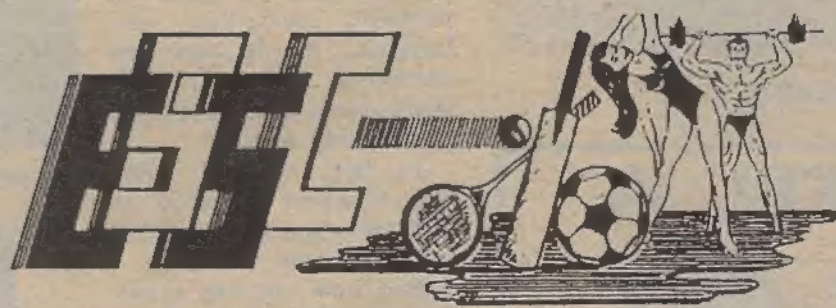
after Cassar foxed him.

From there, Tornados struck with a direct freekick through Glen Jeffery. The climax came with everybody expecting the game to end in a draw. Thirteen seconds from the end Glen Jeffery supplied a pass to John Lembryk and he made no mistake from close range. The Tornados bench was delighted and were finally smiling. The Stars bench however could only look on rather glumly and will sit back and wonder how they let the game slip.

Goalscorers: **TORNADOS** Jeffery 2, Knight 1, Gilligan 1, Lembryk 1. Points: A. Cassar 3, Knight 2, Henderson 1. **STARS** E. Cassar 2, A. Cassar 1, N. Browne 1. — SCOTT GILLIGAN



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THE Winfield Socceroos' coming clashes against New Zealand in the two match Trans Tasman series is a sortie that should really capture the imagination of all sportsfans.

Especially after the Rugby League and Rugby Union clashes against the Kiwis — won handsomely by the Aussies.

I have no doubt whatsoever that the Winfield Socceroos will make it an Australian hat-trick and boost Soccer's stocks with a fine victory in the series.

Sure it will be difficult — it always is against New Zealand — but our players are better than those from the Shaky Isles and our coach Frank Arok is light years ahead of his Kiwi counterpart.

But, with just under three weeks before the blast-off in Auckland on Saturday October 25 in the two match series the Winfield Socceroo line-up seems far from settled.

Indeed, it would be

true to state at this time in writing this article, there are a number of positions that are extremely doubtful.

There is no doubt whatsoever that Winfield Socceroo maestro Frank Arok knows what he wants for the two games against the 'Auld Enemy' across the Tasman, but at this stage is playing his cards very close to his chest.

It was apparent in the games against Czechoslovakia, that the loss of experienced players such as Terry Greedy, Alan Davidson, Steve O'Connor, Joe Watson, Jim Patikas, David Mitchell and Oscar Ciri would be hard to overcome.

But now with David Ratcliffe, John Kosmina and Ken Murphy added to the list the situation

has become such that a real new look team will take the field in Auckland.

It is important that his team does well and win the series as when it comes to playing New Zealand, victories are not a matter of life and death — they're more important than that.

Let's now have a look at the 'possibilities' available to coach Arok for the Trans Tasman series and for the tour of China immediately afterwards.

There should be little argument about the goalkeeping position and Jeff Olver the man in possession should retain the spot.

Jeff has done little wrong and he's a fine custodian and has bided his time to make the sport his own.

The same can be said at left back where Graham Jennings looks to be like the Rock of Gibraltar.

But this is not so at right back and here is one of those positions that is as wide open as a gate on a windy day.

Young Angie Postecoglou will no doubt be in the national squad, but I don't think he will get the nod for the game in Auckland.

More experience is needed in this clash and no doubt coach Arok will tend to go this way in his selection.

The two men who come to mind to fill this spot at the moment are both from the Sydney Croatia club — Wally Savor and Zarko Odzakov.

Savor looks to have the edge as Odzakov could be needed in a midfield role.

Having watched the performances of Savor in recent weeks for Croatia, he is now an excellent fullback, with good technique and fine positioning sense.

In the sweeper role, big Charlie Yankos is still the number one and it's as simple as that.

But now the big question is who will be along side him?

There seems no doubt coach Arok intends to revert to his usual defensive system with two other middle men in front of Yankos, as was used in the World Cup elimination games.

The men who look to have the edge here are Heidelberg's Alan Hunter and Adelaide Hellas giant Robbie Dunn, although I would like to see a little more devilment and steel in Dunn's play.

Also very much in the reckoning, of course, are Olympic's Tony Dakos and South Melbourne's Garry McDowall.

If it were left to me, the player I would select for one of the spots would be Apia's Arno Bertogna.

There has been no better defender in Australia this season than Bertogna.

The midfield department is another that will see a new combination in action.

With Joe Watson gone, the role of playmaker could be taken over by Zarko Odzakov.

Certainly Zarko did not have a big series against the Czechs, but he is well equipped to do the job against the Kiwis and does not deserve to be discarded at this time.

However, pushing Odzakov all the way will be Olympic's Peter Raskopoulos.

Kenny Murphy's workhorse role, could go to Garry McDowall, Paul Wade or Tom McCulloch.

All could fill the bill and here coach Arok has a wide choice.

The other midfield position, the attacking one, could be tailor made for big Graham Arnold.

Big Arnie did reasonably well against the



ZARKO ODZAKOV

Czechs to warrant another run in this position.

Up front, two men will most likely be used

and Frank Farina looks certain to be one of them.

No doubt young Chris



CHRIS KALANTZIS torments the Czechoslovakian defence at Parramatta Stadium.



BY TOM ANDERSON

Kalantzis will also come into the reckoning, but I doubt under the circumstances, whether both Kalantzis and Farina will be used at the same time, early in the first match.

With the likelihood of John Kosmina being out, big Steve Maxwell of Adelaide City could make the breakthrough that up to now has eluded him in the international arena.

Indeed the thought of Farina and Arnold running off Maxwell excites me.

Arok and his assistant Eddie Thomson and backroom staff John Margarites and Atti Abonyi will be working overtime in the next few weeks, to find the winning blend for New Zealand.

I have no doubt this blend will be found and a victory in the series forthcoming.

To help their cause, the Winfield Socceroos will play a charity match at Olympic Park in Melbourne against a Victorian representative side on Wednesday October 22, the day before they fly off to the Shaky Isles.

This charity match is just what will be needed to add the final shine to the Socceroo side and give it the polish that will dazzle the Kiwis in their own back yard in Auckland.

MITCHELL A GREAT GUY

I got the surprise of my life when I read ASW's write up in the 'FLASHBACK' feature on Frank Mitchell the Aussie who was capped for England.

For Frank was a teammate of mine at Watford way back in the 1950's and a real good buddy.

He joined us at Vicorage Road from Chelsea along with Jimmy Bowie, where he starred for quite a while.

Big Frank was a wonderful midfielder and a player who commanded complete respect from all who played with him — and against him.

The big fellow was also a brilliant cricketer and the last I heard of him was that he was a groundsman at a cricket setup in Warwickshire.

When the many arguments arise as to who is the best Australian born player Frank Mitchell's name is hardly ever mentioned.

Believe me they didn't come much better than this guy as his selection for England way back in 1946 proves.

It's also great to know that he's not been entirely forgotten here in his home country of Australia.

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FALLON AND HIS MEN HARD AT IT AS WELL

WHILE Winfield Socceroo coach Frank Arok and his backroom boys are getting the national side into shape for the coming battle against the Kiwis and for the sortie to China, the New Zealanders are also hard at work on their preparations.

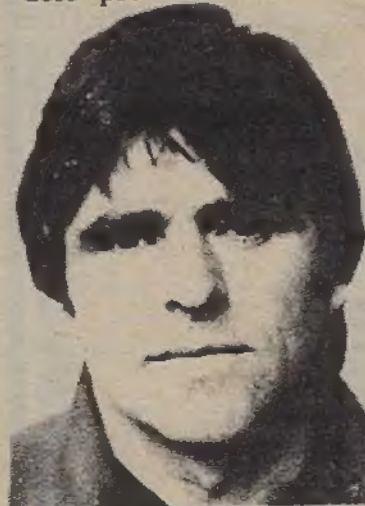
The All Whites recently completed a two match tour of Fiji, where they won both games and scored six goals — four of them from set plays.

In Fiji the Kiwis played in front of crowds of 15,000 at Churchill Park in Lautoka and 9,000 at the National Stadium in Suva.

Kiwi coach Kevin Fallon took a young squad to Fiji and one with the Olympic Games qualifying round in mind.

After the series Fallon said that the wins

against the Pacific Islanders provided him with



KEVIN FALLON

some of the most pleasing moments he has experienced in football.

He also said the performance of his players on the tour has left him with a problem in the immediate future.

For although his young players did well, he will probably only pick one of them against the Winfield Socceroos.

He wants his squad to meet our lads to comprise of a hard core of experienced internationals — of this he makes no secret!

The Kiwis are as desperate to win the Trans Tasman series as we are.

Fallon has also disclosed the Kiwi plans for the future with games against the Russian Olympic team that will tour the area in January-

February, followed by a mid-season tour of England and games against China at the end of the year.

Unlike visits in the past the Kiwi visit to Fiji was a quiet one without any riots or unsavoury incidents.

Fallon puts this down to the improvement in refereeing.

No doubt the dour and dull Kiwi coach will now be formulating a plan to attempt to toss Frank Arok and his team.

One thing is for sure — the boys from the Shaky Isles will find out very early in the piece that playing against Fiji and playing the mighty Winfield Socceroos are two entirely different assignments.



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ASW'S JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

A.C.T. SOCCER BITES A TOUGH BULLET

TO say the future of first class Soccer in the ACT is in total disarray would be a gross understatement.

With the axing of Inter Monaro and Canberra City Olympians from the NSL there are grave doubts whether either club will participate in next year's State League.

There is no doubt their competing in the NSL has placed both clubs under severe financial stress.

And along with ALL other clubs in the NSL both ACT clubs owe the NSL affiliation fees.

Rumours within the ACT say that Inter Monaro will go into the State League although it is no secret that the Queanbeyan club is having trouble meeting player payments — un-

like Canberra City Olympians who have paid all outstanding playing fees.

Canberra City Olympians' case is somewhat different to Inter Monaro. Its parent social club, the Downer Olympic Soccer Club is divided on the issue of whether to continue backing top Soccer especially when it is such a huge financial drain on the club's finances.

One school of thought

is that the club should not risk its premises to back top Soccer especially when top Soccer has cost so much and the club has been treated so pathetically by the powers that be.

The opposing school feels the club was founded to support high class Soccer as well as junior teams and senior teams in the local competition.

But the financial facts are that the Downer Olympic Club cannot support a team in the National or even State League.

The pro top Soccer group within the club are on the verge of forming a private consortium aimed at keeping a Canberra team in next year's State League.

Sitting on the side-

lines while the two former NSL clubs contemplate their immediate future are two of the strongest and financially sound Soccer clubs in the ACT.

The City Club, founders of NSL Soccer in the ACT until they sold out to the Downer Olympic Club, are back in business in a big way.

Their well managed social club in the heart of the business district in Canberra, has cleared a huge footballing debt and now backs four teams in the local league, a host of school-boy and schoolgirl sports as well as sponsoring a team in the James Hardie National Indoor Soccer League.

It is doubtful though whether the City Club

would have desires to try and get back into "the big time".

Then there is Croatia Deakin.

The Croatian Club from the national capital has just finished its most successful season ever.

It won the pre-season Cup, the Federation Cup and the championship in all four grades: a tribute to president Ivan Bulum and his board as well as Soccer manager Ivan Gruicic.

The club also finished with a Soccer profit of \$12,000.

Of the four ACT clubs it is fair to say Croatia has the most ambition to go into the

State League and then on to the National League.

Which is a task not beyond them as they have the common sense of purpose and drive to achieve NSL status.

Ideally, and I have stated this opinion here before, I would like to see all four and perhaps more ACT clubs combine to have a truly ACT team.

Financially this consortium would be very sound.

It would appeal to all Soccer within the ACT and theoretically would be the way to go.

But the chances of this happening are slim



JOHNNY WARREN
updates the
situation in the
national capital.

and it appears at the moment as though Inter Monaro, Canberra City Olympians and Croatia Deakin will pursue the State League option while the City Club bides its time and support the game at a lower, though equally important, level.

THE NANDA CUP FINAL POINTS WAY AHEAD

WHILE the new "super" 14-team league for next season has its critics, we should see a lift in thrills and spills, if the Nanda Cup final in Adelaide was anything to go by as far as spectator reaction was concerned.

For starters it was a reminder for SA fans that Soccer is not all pretty-pretty and build ups from the back.

Or that it consists of stroll around-back-heeler flicks.

Away from the Sydney clubs, the Adelaide-Melbourne scene has been an attempt to perhaps play "pure" football.

The arrival of Eddie Thomson and his marauders, who walked away with the Cup after a thrill-a-minute clash with Adelaide Hellas, brought another dimension to Hindmarsh Stadium.

It was the Socceros all over again — the hit-run don't give an inch game, which Austra-

BY TOM MCKAIN

lians, and let's face it, "new generation New Australians" prefer to the methodical Continental fare.

It was "war" at its best. And the same theme ran through the major semi-final Southern Division top five clash between Adelaide City and Melbourne Juventus.

Coaches Zoran Matic of City and rival Len McKendry sent their players out to fix bayonets and charge, as well as play Soccer.

If the reaction to the two games was anything to go by, we are in for one heck of a 1987 season.

And what we felt was

supported by interstate referees who are now travelling wider than the players.

One summed it up when he said: "In the Southern League they try so hard to play Soccer as the purist know it, while in Sydney the players are harder to handle because they play as Australians want them to play."

Both styles have a lot to offer, and if we eventually to get our own style of Soccer the new-look league might be the answer.

We had it back in 1977, when the fans reacted at the turnstiles, and our only fear about the latest "super" league is that it is only Sydney and Melbourne with Adelaide City the lone "outsider".

However, as Stefan Kamasz, the national league's executive director pointed out: "The 1987 league was open to the top 14 teams, and the results in 1986 provided them."

And despite any parochial views, SA's Hellas, the Queenslanders, Canberra, Newcastle and etc. must admit places were there for the taking.

If it didn't happen, it was not the fault of the league — or the clubs who made it.

Everyone knew well in advance what was wanted, and while my own opinion is that we should have gone back to square one and selected the clubs for a truly national competition, perhaps — for once — the league's administrators took the right line.

In the end we may have a league in which every club has to go for broke or drop out, with no chance of reapplying on "sympathy" financial, or grounds.

HILTON PHILLIPS CAPTURES AWARD



HILTON PHILLIPS ... Canberra winner.

CANBERRA City Olympians striker Hilton Phillips has won the James Hardie best performed player award.

Gardner Murray took out the youth team award which sees both players receive VIP travel, accommodation and VIP passes etc to James Hardie's James Hardie 1000 motor race at Bathurst.

Canberra City Olympians will hold its Presentation Night at the Downer Olympic Soccer Club on Saturday October 11.

NEWCASTLE FACES URGENT DECISION

MANY Newcastle Rosebud players are standing by to see what the club will be doing in 1987.

— BY KEITH GILMOUR —

Newcastle finished the 1986 season with an excellent burst, but the scaling down of the National League left it outside the 14 clubs.

Sydney and Melbourne reject clubs can automatically find a new State League home but it isn't so easy when the club comes from Northern NSW.

There no sense on the face of it in going back into Northern NSW when the sister club Adamstown Rosebud already operates.

To join the NSW Federation could involve taking three teams away every second week. If Canberra and Inter Monaro are involved that could mean transporting the lot as far as Canberra twice a year.

Were Newcastle to enter NSW, which is the expected course, it could be sensible to restrict them to first and second grade.

Newcastle operated at a loss of \$16000 for 1986, but sale of some players could easily cover that gap.

Probably Newcastle's best bet would be an East Coast League covering Brisbane, Newcastle, Sydney, Wollongong and Canberra.

But that is many ways is too logical, and nowhere can be seen the administration to put it together.

Except perhaps the Northern NSW Soccer Federation, who could make a move to control it, but perhaps it is too late in the day.

Action would have to be urgent however, as NSW and Queensland Federation plans are moving ahead.

Sponsorship would help Newcastle, but when a club doesn't know its destination for the following year until mid-September it finds planning very difficult indeed.

For Newcastle to retain its ambitions could mean playing in NSW rather than breaking up.

Urgent decisions and consultations are needed.



City coach Eddie Thomson

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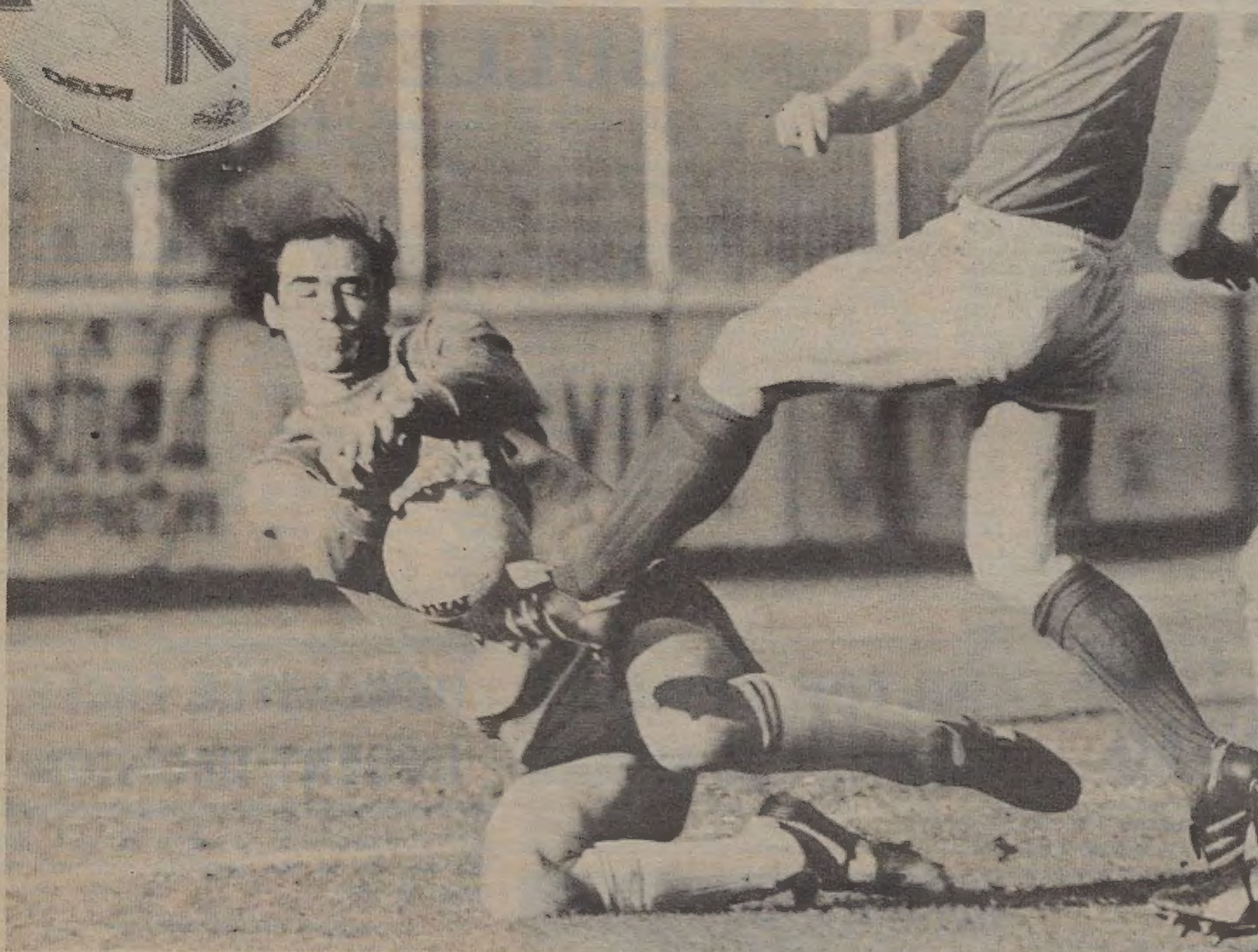
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CHIT CHAT — Behind the scene at your club



SYDNEY OLYMPIC's GARY MEIER saves from the feet of a St. George striker — he has re-signed.

WE'VE mentioned his name before, after he left Adelaide City to play for Croatia in the SA State League, but he's worth considering again.

We're referring to forward Peter Rankin, the tall rangy Australian who was signed by Rale Rasic when he was in Adelaide.

He improves every season, and he may yet be back in the National League by the start of next season.

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AND still the rumours fly about Socceroo Charlie Yankos.

From Melbourne it is said coach John Margaritis wants him for South next season.

But Hellenas of Adelaide say he is not for sale.

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NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD's coach Peter Irving can look back on a great achievement over the year. The players he secured in England gave some stiffening to the side and in the second round there was tremendous drive in the team. Unfortunately for Peter he was laid off from his job in the course of the season.

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BRISBANE LIONS have given Col Bennett to this week to accept their 1987 coaching offer. Bennett is expected to take the position but the club could chase Heidelberg's Brian Garvey if Bennett decides otherwise.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC are moving swiftly to resign two of its best players in goalkeeper GARY MEIER and midfielder VICENTE ESTAVILLO to be ready for next year's Super League.

Meier has been with the club for some 15 years now and has always remained consistent. Estavillo brought the spark to the Olympic midfield that was needed and the Uruguayan is thought of very highly by all the Pratten Park fans and others inside the game.

His acquisition from Uruguayan Auburn was a coup for Olympic and it would be silly to allow another club to nab him from under their noses.

As club president Tom Doumanis says: "I've yet to see a midfielder with more flair."

SBS-TV's GARY THORNTHWAITE



SBS-TV Sports executive GARY THORNTHWAITE pictured with ASW's John Economos. Gary says that SBS-TV has some more exciting Soccer programmes on the way which will appeal to football fans everywhere.

RUMORS that the Brisbane Croatian Community, which fields Sunnyside in the QSF's Intermediate League, were offered \$1.3 million for their ground have been denied by community officials.

The rumors fuelled speculation that Sunnyside would make a big money push for inclusion in the QSF's XXXX League next season.

A Community spokesman confirmed an offer for the club's 53-hectare Rocklea site had been made, but was nowhere near \$1.3m. But the spokesman said the offer had been rejected.

Furthermore he said that Sunnyside would not be bidding for inclusion in the XXXX League because all finances had been channelled in a new half million dollar clubhouse.

The only plans on the board at the moment are to overturn a QSF constitutional clause to allow Sunnyside to change its name to Brisbane Croatia.



TERRY GREEDY

CHARLIE YANKOS

ADELAIDE City is off and running already for next season on the financial side.

Their major sponsors, Fairmont Homes, is about to complete a luxury four-bedroom house at Redwood Park which will be auctioned with the proceedings going to the club.

Work has been done by volunteer and included assistance by Fairmont's managing director, Gordon Pickard, and City president Charlie Caruso.

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DON'T be surprised to see Socceroo Robbie Dunn in midfield for the national team.

He played there for Hellenas in the closing stages of the season, and when he held a training session for 10 SA hopefuls recently, coach Frank Arok discussed the possibility of Dunn doubling up in the middle of the park and as a central defender.

CHIT CHAT - Behind the scene at your club



VICENTE ESTAVILLO takes on the Wollongong defence.

THERE is no shortage of feeling and interest in the Trans-Tasman relations between the Socceroos and the All Whites.

The series between Australia and New Zealand was designed to foster relations, it has in fact brought intense rivalry.

It has also set a large chip on the shoulder of our Shaky Isle friends. The inferiority complex that has always existed when it comes to Soccer at international level against Australia, still exists.

In fact during the World Cup qualifiers last year New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon refused to talk to the Aussie media before the two games with the Socceroos.

But after the Kiwis had had their butts kicked during that great day at the Sydney Sports Ground and were eliminated from the World Cup, Fallon was, in turn, completely ignored by the media.

And now it's all on again ...

SA made a bid to stage the Southern Zone final or grand final in Adelaide.

It is stressing the fact that potential finalists Adelaide City have more supporters than the Melbourne clubs in the play-offs — Juventus, Footscray, and George Cross.

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LEOPOLD BAUMGARTNER
THE AUSTRIAN STAR
WHO BECAME AN
AUSTRALIAN LEGEND



Pictured above is Leo Baumgartner in Canterbury colours being challenged by outstanding Auburn star Bobby Hall in a vital NSW State League match.

LEO BAUMGARTNER's interest in Australia was fanned in 1957, when his club FK Austria made a tour of Australia and New Zealand.

He and team mate Karl Jaros asked the club masseur to write to Sydney, looking for a two or three year contract for them.

They were soon invited by former Prague club officials Karel Rodney and Oscar Pick to play for the club.

The rise in migration provided a ready market in front of which the often tempestuous Leo could display his splendid skills.

His days with Prague were followed by turns with Canterbury, South Coast, APIA and Hakoah.

If there was a particular high point in a magnificent career it was the day he orchestrated a bunch of local kids from Canterbury and turned them into 5-2 NSW grand final winners over Prague before a 17,000 crowd who packed into Henson Park.

After the day came when Leo had to hang up his boots, he was prepared to put more back into the game he loves.

The 1986 success he recorded with the Croatia Youth League teams as the club's junior Director of Coaching gives witness to that.

WOLLONGONG City chairman Laurie Kelly has brushed aside reports that he won't be with the club next season when they go into the State League.

He said he will be standing at the annual meeting next month and intends guiding the Wolves to a successful campaign.

"I took the job on in 1981 and it certainly isn't finished yet," Kelly said.

"We have been kicked out of the National League but I can't really be too upset about that when you consider the money clubs will be up for next season."

He said the new look State competition is a real challenge to the clubs involved and certainly won't bring about a drop in crowds in Wollongong.

"We will have big crowd pullers such as Rockdale, Wollongong Macedonia, Auburn and Melita coming here," he said.

"My job now is to make sure we have a strong squad even though I expect to see some of our present players move to Sydney."

"Scott Dickson has finished his studies in Wollongong this year and as he lives at Blaxland it is only natural he should consider a move."

"Ray Vlietstra is also likely to switch clubs as he is studying at the Hawkesbury Agricultural College and David Green has been to ask me for permission to negotiate a contract in Sydney."

"If players want to leave we won't stand in their way but we must get reasonable fees for them to get replacements capable of doing the job next season."

Other player who might be looking for contracts in Sydney include Jock Morlando, Robert Giraldo and Peter Kotamanidis along with goalkeeper Warwick Young.

THE news that the State Government will be allocating some \$120,000 to the NSW Soccer Federation, largely for Valentine Park, is a heartening sign.

So was the speech on NSW Rothmans Medal night of Minister for Sport and Recreation — MICHAEL CLEARY.

"I've striven to be accepted by the Soccer public ever since I started in my current position," and after a rousing applause from the appreciative crowd, "it looks like I have been now, and I thank you."

He also made it clear that the new Sydney Sports Ground complex will be first used by our great game in December of 1987 for the gigantic bi-centenary matches between Australia and the World Cup winners.

Not all are confirmed as yet, but you can expect the likes of Brazil, Italy, Argentina, West Germany and Uruguay to run out against the Socceroos.

AUSTRALIA's Youth Socceroos have been handed a tremendous bonus by the ASF in their bid to qualify for next year's World Youth Championships in Chile.

It came with the announcement that Les Scheinflug's team will travel to New Zealand later this month with Frank Arok's national side to play the curtain-raiser against the Kiwi national youth team before the big Trans-Tasman clash in Auckland on October 25.

"Although we will have to play against the Kiwis in New Zealand in the Oceania qualifying round in January. I think this game is excellent," Scheinflug said.

"We have nothing to fear by playing New Zealand and have nothing to hide."

"We have a very good young side and this will give the youngsters the chance to get to know conditions in New Zealand."

"Also, it will give me an insight into the New Zealand team."



MR TONY RATCLIFFE of ATTACK Sports, one of the generous sponsors of the upcoming 1974 Socceroo v Australian Soccer Media match at Parramatta Stadium.

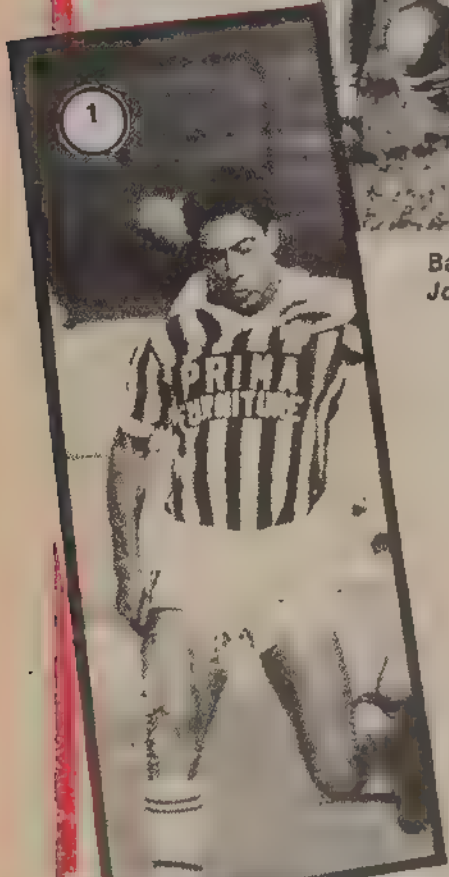


ROBBIE DUNN (centre), creating plenty of interest.

Brunswick Juventus thru' the Lens . . .



Back Row (left to right): Len McKendry (Coach), Mike Petersen, Paul Wade, Peter Lewis, Pat Marama, Yakka Banovic, Brian Brown, Joe Sweeney, Fabio Incantalupo, Joe Caruso (President). Front Row (left to right): Reno Minichello, Andrew Zinni, Mehmet Durakovic, Joe Palatsidis, Rob Cullen, John Dowie, Eddie Campbell.



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- 7—JOHN YZENDOORN and Eddie Campbell.
- 8—MIKE PETERSEN attacks.

LIVERPOOL AND ASTON VILLA FOR CHARLESTOWN'S DAVID MOORE

HALL of Fame Soccer star Ray Baartz has joined with the University of New England's National Sports Camps to sponsor a young Newcastle player on a month's all expenses paid scholarship to Britain to train with Liverpool and Aston Villa Football Clubs.

David Moore, a 17 year old schoolboy from Charlestown, showed exceptional promise at last January's annual Adidas National Soccer Camp organised by the University of New England.

Co-directors of the Camp, former Scottish star Willie Wallace and Rothmans ASF National Coaching Director Eric Worthington, awarded one of the University Camp's Australian Scholarships to David.

This took him to Sydney in May for a week with National Youth team coach Les Scheinflug at Marconi.

Scheinflug, who has helped to develop the National Soccer Camps at the University of New England, had been on the University's Australian Scholarship selection panel.

David Moore made

such a good impression at Marconi that Wallace and Scheinflug recommended that the University award the Ray Baartz Scholarship to him.

Baartz, now conducting a successful sports goods business in Newcastle, has been an associate director of the University of New England's National Soccer Camps since their inception in 1981.

David Moore will be in good hands in England.

His first two weeks will be spent with FA League and Cup Champions Liverpool with manager Kenny Dalglish.

Dalglish took over from Willie Wallace as Celtic's striker after Willie had been a key figure in Celtic's unprecedented run of Scottish League, Scottish Cup and European Cup successes in the 1960's.

For the second two weeks of his Ray Baartz Scholarship, David Moore will train in Birmingham with Aston Villa under manager Billy McNeil, another old colleague of Willie Wallace.

McNeil captained the great Celtic team of the 1960's.

"Kenny Dalglish and Billy McNeil have been most helpful," explained Wallace.

"Young David will have the Soccer experience of a lifetime with opportunities to play with the Liverpool and Aston Villa youth teams."

"It's good to see Ray Baartz co-operating with the University of New England's National Sports Camps to make it possible for David to travel to England," added Willie Wallace.

"I shall be travelling with David to keep an eye on him and to check out the latest European training techniques so that we stay on the ball with our Camps in Armidale which attract players and trainee coaches from all over Australia and from overseas."



WILLIE WALLACE greets the camera with young Newcastle player David Moore. His training trip to Britain has been arranged by the University of New England's National Sports Camps and Newcastle sports store proprietor and former Australian international Ray Baartz.

SYDNEY TORNADOES v MELB. ELIMINATORS 8-2

TEMPLESTOWE IN VICTORIA ON SAT. SEPT 27

EVERYTIME these two teams meet, the first half is always a close affair and the second half is dominated by the Tornadoes. The game proved to be no exception.

Both teams were content to sit back and wait for the opportunities to arise in the first half. Tornadoes struck with two early goals by Glen Jeffery and it looked like they were going to run away with it. But the Eliminators rallied together and scored two very good goals through Noggler and Metaxas. This brought the game to life and the pace quickened.

Tornadoes then went 3-2 up when Steven Knight slid the ball underneath the diving Eliminators keeper. (I must say that its about time Knighty scored a goal, after his four game drought). The scored remained 3-2 at half time.

In the second half the Tornadoes seemed to

shift the pace up a gear and the Eliminators did not know what hit them. Robbie Stuart broke from defence latching onto the loose ball and cleverly chipped the advancing keeper. This was by far the goal of the match.

From then on it was one way traffic. With four more goals coming from Jeffery, Knight, Gilligan and Tour, the game ended with a scoreline that looked rather one-sided. The Eliminators seem to match any team in the first half and then run out of steam and ideas. Dean Poropat was convinced that the Eliminators would defeat the Tornadoes one home turf but he should start looking at a team that plays for a full game and not half a game.

Goalscorers: **TORNADOES** Jeffery 3, Knight 2, Stuart 1, Gilligan 1, Tour 1. **ELIMINATORS** Noggler 1 Metaxas 1. Points: G. Psaroudis 3, S. Knight 2, R. Noggler 1.

— SCOTT GILLIGAN

SYDNEY TORNADOES v BUFFALO METS 5-0

TEMPLESTOWE, VICTORIA, ON FRIDAY SEPT 26

THIS game turned out to be a very one sided affair. The experience of the Tornadoes showed through in every aspect of their game and the Mets rather young inexperienced side were no match.

The first half was dominated by the Tornadoes and they threw everything they had at the Mets. Eventually some good lead up work from Stuart and Osman led to Knight having a great scoring chance. The advancing keeper left his goal open and Knight cleverly squared the ball to Jeffery who slotted the ball home.

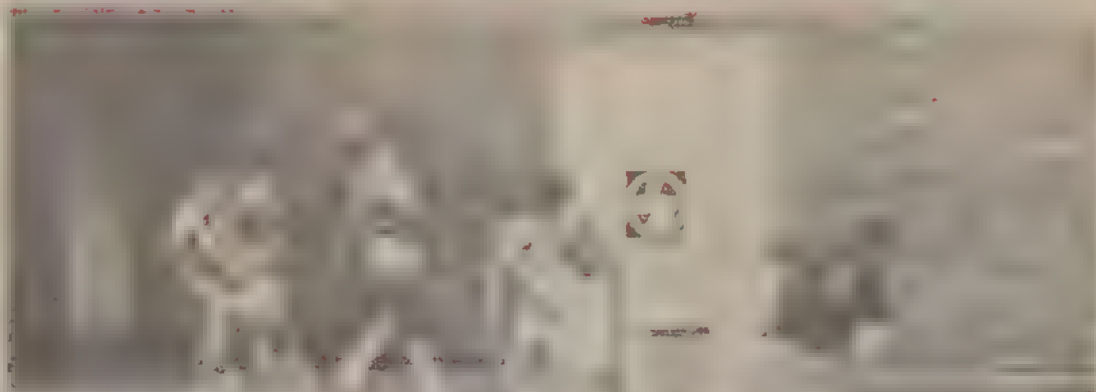
The rest of the half the Tornadoes shots were bouncing off the cross-bar and the posts and by half time the score was still only 1-0. The Mets still had a

chance and if they could have scored a goal early in the second half, the game could have went anyway.

From the outset Tornadoes again dominated. In this half however, they were content to pass the ball around at the back and wait for opportunities to arise. This tactic drew the Buffalo's out of defence and left gaps for Glen Jeffery to show us his magic. He finished the game with four goals to his credit and supplied the pass for Gill Tour to make it 5-0.

In the end it was the Tornadoes experience that won the game. The Buffalo Mets should learn from this game and use this knowledge for future games to come, they can only get better.

Goalscorers: **TORNADOES** Jeffery 4, Tour 1. Points: G. Jeffery 3, E. Osman 2, F. Carvalho 1. — SCOTT GILLIGAN



ACTION aplenty in the NISL as Noggler goes past Lembrky.



Rojano plays a lone hand against Kodinski and Noggler.

ENDURO SPARTANS v C'BERRA CITY STRS 4-9

CANBERRA ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 27

THE teams played a very tight first half with the score going 2-1 in favour of the Strikers at half time.

The second half started very tactically which certainly heated up the second half with the Strikers finally finding the net. Apart from the contribution of Charlie Akkarri, there seemed to be little coming forward from the Spartans.

Billie Willox played very strongly in defence

and contributed when he came forward and his is evidenced by his three goals.

The Strikers are very pleased to have L. Djordjelski returning to the squad in this match.

Goalscorers **SPARTANS** C. Vince 1, C. Akkarri 3. **STRIKERS** I. Murray 1, C. Tanzey 2, B. Willox 3, I. Shaw 1, O. Langone 1, L. Djordjelski 1.

Player of the Match: Charlie Akkarri.

— MARK O'NEILL



Stephen Knight, leaves Kotzamichaelis stranded as Robbie Stuart looks on.

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The State League Story

DEZ MARTON STILL MAGIC

FORMER St George goalscoring machine and Rothmans Medal winner, Dez Marton, is still proving himself outstanding value for the club he works for.

Dez this year embarked on his first full season of coaching and at the tender age of 38 years was able to lift NSW Second Division Club Yugal to the Championship.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

But Dez was not content to just coach from the bench... he did a "Stanley Mathews" and played as well and as a bonus to Yugal, scored 12 goals.

In fact, Marton turned out for Yugal as a striker, midfielder and even as a fullback when the need was there.

The man with the deadly left foot, flew back to Yugoslavia late last week for a short holiday and will return on November 9.

Before he departed, I caught up with Dez for a short chat.

Yugal Soccer club according to Dez, is most disappointed with the NSW Federation's lack of direction for 1987.

Dez told us: "We have been given an offer

that we get promoted to Division 1 in 1988 irrespective of where we come in season 1987. My club is not too happy about this."

The reason of course is because of the NSL situation which will see clubs from that league come back to Division 1 State League.

Marton went on to reflect on this past season.

"We won the league which gave me much pride.

"My greatest highlight of the year was when we beat Kingsford 4-1 at home as they were a strong side.

"I was fortunate as well to have some good players in my side.

"My top goalscorer was Chris Card who knocked in 15 goals.

"My player of the year, though, would have to be my left midfielder Ijubo Zivkovic who set up heaps of goals with his quality ball service.

"Both of my fullbacks, Ronnie Gogic and Stan Tanoski with sweeper Jimmy Ziras, did a fabulous job for our club.

"In the midfield, I had a good man in Glenn Biollo who was a strong tackler and captain Andy Pahor.

"Card did very well considering he went into hospital for a knee operation yet still came back to score more goals for us.

"If Yugal misses out on being promoted to Division 1 next year, I will be very disappointed and so will all our officials and supporters and sponsors.

"This year we were sponsored by Landcom, Jat and Sidex Furniture and put in a lot of time and effort.

"When I fly back to Yugoslavia, I will be looking for a player or two of top value to bring to Australia.

"But with the Federation plans all up in the air at the moment, I just don't know what to plan for 1987.

"I have been asked to

remain with Yugal for next year and will speak to the club committee about my future when I get back from Yugoslavia.

"In the meantime, I must say that this year I was very very pleased with an outstanding prospect in our 18 year old striker, Tony Sunjic.

"Tony is courageous, strong and is not afraid to shoot from any distance with either boot.

"This year I used him as a central striker or on the left side with great success.

"Tony has a big future ahead of him. He ended the season by scoring eight goals from many positions."

So Dez Marton, Soccer footballer extraordinaire, starting a new career as coach, has kicked off with instant success.

ASW wishes Dez Marton every success as when he was a player in the NSL, he almost single handedly won the championship for St George in 1983 with his deadly left foot and immaculate vision.

The same year, Dez Marton destroyed the powerful Sydney City in the Grand Final when he smashed in three goals to wipe out the



DEZ MARTON

star-studded club from Bondi.

Great players don't always make great

coaches.

But I believe, that Dez Marton, who without a doubt was a great

player, will become a great coach.

Yugal now will guarantee this.

UNIVERSITIES HANDLE FORCES

COMBINED Universities gained a 3-0 win over the Combined Forces in an entertaining game played at Seymour Shaw Park.

The Uni. team opened their account with Jim Bell getting on to the end of a good shot which was deflected past the Forces goalkeeper by Universities' Neil Williamson.

From this point the Uni. team began to move into top gear. The Forces team worked very hard and defended with great determination and slowly began to get back into the game, via their sweeper who was given far too much space.

But it was the Uni. team who once again came back with more

clever inter-passing. Dave Batten receiving a good pass out wide and, moving inside passed two defenders, to finish clinically with a well placed low drive.

The Universities mounted more attacks with Jim Bell getting his head to a well-measured cross which struck the cross bar with the goalkeeper stranded.

Brian Cokely was very quick to get on to the rebound, but a superb save by the goalkeeper was equal to the full-blooded drive which was goal bound. This left the score at 2-0 at the half way mark.

In the second half the Forces started to get on top. It was at this stage the Universities made a substitution in Alex Tagaroulis, a former Newcastle youth team player. A real live wire,

he inject some extra vitality into the right flank.

The Forces were still finding life difficult trying to penetrate the Uni. defence and restricted themselves to long range shooting.

But once again it was the Universities that went further ahead with some deft foot work in the penalty area from Dave Batten, who set up a well deserved debut goal for young Tagaroulis, who sank the Forces without trace.

In the last 20 minutes Craig Brooker made his debut and impressed. This was an excellent team effort by the Universities. It will prove a step in the right direction towards the Universities World Cup games in Zagreb 1987.

— FROM ROB HARBOUR



DEZ MARTON celebrates

A FUTURE SOCCEROO?



DARRYL PAULING ... Jennings's cousin.

DARRYL PAULING, A Penrith City under 18 midfielder or full-back, has a burning ambition in football.

And that is to play alongside his cousin, the Sydney Croatia and Socceroo left-back Graham Jennings.

Darryl began his Soccer as a four year old in the huge Nepean district.

He has had plenty of junior representative experience, turning out with Nepean in U10, 11, 15 and 16 and with Blacktown City in U13 and 14.

His ambition is to play in as high a competition as possible — for as long as he can.

And he simply hates to lose matches through bad play.



Granville Chile's Nano Ponce being carried shoulder high by happy supporters after his team's 1-1 draw with West United that resulted in their winning the NSW Third Division. Ponce is an outstanding goalscorer.

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ORANGE WARATAHS BLAZE A TRAIL

IT's a long way to come from the central western city of Orange to play football in Sydney every second week, but Orange Waratahs made the trip all season.

The club joined the NSW Soccer Federation's 5th Division Inter Suburban competition this year.

They were rewarded by running out in second place, as well as being grand final winners.

In second grade they came out as equal first and premiers.

"What has been achieved by our club has not been done by buying players or by living one

season at a time.

"It has been done by hard work and dedication to a cause," said publicity officer Patrick Allen.

Orange Waratahs had competed successfully for 18 years in Western NSW Soccer before they opted for the challenge of playing in the NSW Soccer Federation.

The playing strength of the club mainly derives from its own juniors.

Nine of the current first grade team came up through the ranks.

They have players who travel from as far away as Cowra, Blayney and Cudal to train twice a week, and catch the bus to Sydney every second week for away matches.

There is also an amazing band of supporters who followed the team to every game.

This involves leaving Orange at 7.45am and arriving home about 10pm.

The Waratahs were a little aggrieved that some of their opponents lacked that kind of dedication.

Actually the Orange Waratahs grounds and licensed clubhouse are well worth a trip to see.

Some years ago the club purchased a surplus Army drillhall and re-erected it overlooking the main field at their extensive property on the outskirts of the city.

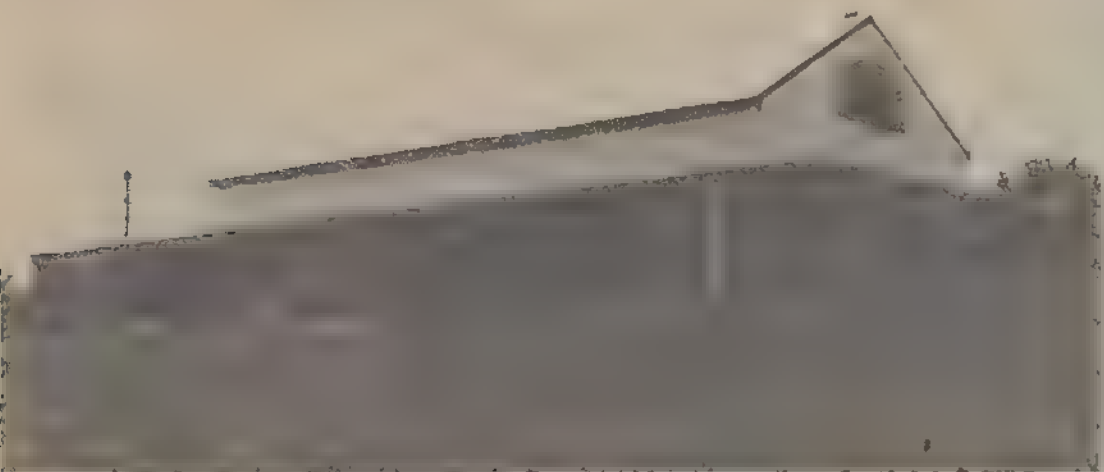
Neat ancillary brick buildings were added to give the structure an excellent appearance.

Only recently a first class lighting facility has been installed with the aid of a State Government grant and the club's own volunteers.

All in all Orange Waratahs have set a real example for other ambitions clubs to follow.



The spacious interior at Orange Waratahs club.



EXTERNAL view of Orange Waratahs excellent licensed club in the Western NSW city of Grange.

BLACKTOWN CHASES SCHAEFER, SCHEINFLUG AND ABONYI

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

BLACKTOWN CITY, despite dropping out of the NSL's new format for next season, is out to secure the services of either Marconi's Les Scheinflug, Sydney Olympic's grand final winning coach, Manfred Schaefer or the talented Atti

Abonyi.

Schaefer has decided to leave Olympic in two weeks time. Marconi has still to appoint their 1987 coach, although Scheinflug is likely to be re-signed.

A Blacktown City official contacted last night, flatly refused to confirm the names of those who are on their shopping list for next season.

However, a final decision will be made later this week.

At this stage, Schaefer is favourite to gain the Blacktown coaching position.

In spite of suggestions that former APIA and Penrith coach Willie Wallace will be considered, it remains to be seen whether he becomes involved with the Demons this year.

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| C. Bass | Ku-ring-gai | 14 | " |
| J. Campbell | Manly-Warringah | 14 | " |
| R. Peil | Fairy Meadow | 14 | " |
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ASW'S WRAP UP FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

JOHN BINGHAM has quit as coach of State League club Wollongong Macedonia and is looking for another position.

Bingham had a guaranteed option to continue with Macedonia next season but says he would not agree to extra clauses to his contract.

He said Macedonia's committee left him with no other alternative but to leave. "They told me I had to wear the extra clauses even though everything should have been the same as this year," he said.

"I can't say I am surprised at what happened. Unfortunately you are expecting it to come sooner or later."

"In my opinion one or two of the officials are seriously promoting the code but others seem to be more interested in the politics associated with Soccer."

Bingham said he did not ask for more money to coach the side next season.

"They have obviously come up with the extra clauses to bring someone else into the job for next season."

Macedonia secretary Bob Kezovski said it was disappointing that Bingham decided not to stay on with the club.

Kezovski said Bingham had done well in the job, particularly to have the team establish itself in the State League at the first attempt.

"We did ask him to take on a more serious role in scouting for junior players next season," Kezovski said.

"Committee members were also upset that Bingham never watched

the under 18 games and arrived at the ground late in the reserve grade fixtures."

It is also understood the Macedonia committee want more Macedonian players given a chance in the first grade team in future.

The job has been advertised and at least five applicants are keen to take it on.

Coch of Premier League club Tarrawanna, Gary Masters, gets no rest in the summer — he has been appointed coach of Wollongong Cricket Club.

Masters, who has told Tarrawanna he won't be available next season, is keen to help Wollongong cricketers get away from the bottom of the table.

He has managed to combine his Soccer and cricket for many years and will open the innings with Wollongong this summer.

Tarrawanna just missed out on the semi-finals but Masters is confident Wollongong will make it.

Ian Witheridge has been named West-Figtree's player of the year after leaving the club at the start of the season.

Witheridge left Graham Park to trial with Fairy Meadow and played in the Ampol Cup

with the State League team.

He decided he liked it better at Fairy Meadow and turned in some very good performances this season.

There would be very little in the final judging as sweeper Tony Donnelly also had a very big year after switching from Wollongong City's youth squad.

Donnelly gained some consolation by taking Figtree's rookie of the year trophy.

Bellambi have appointed former long-serving centre-half Klaus Wenig coach for next season, replacing the Robert Banks-Frank Brindley combination.

Wenig was with South Coast United as a teenager in the 60's and was also a very talented basketball player.

He played first grade with Bellambi a number of years and was captain of the side which did so well in the State Cup in the mid-70's.

Bellambi went out in a quarter-final to the star-studded Yugal team after a number of giant-killing performances.

Wenig has been coaching Illawarra junior representative teams in recent seasons.

A week after Bulli beat Fernhill in the Premier League grand final, Memorial Park was the venue of the Illawarra Business Houses Soccer League grand final.

The two big guns of the league, Champion Hotel and Bulli Workers, both topped the 100 goals during the season but defence was the keynote in the grand final.

It wasn't until five minutes from the end

that Champion scored through Don Osborne and that was enough to give them the trophy.

Balgownie beat Tallawarra 4-1 in the second division grand final after getting three goals in the first 10 minutes.

Cringila are to name their coach for next season within the next few days and the newcomer will surprise a few people.

The club had some well-known district Soccer identities apply for the job held by Darryl Glover this year but they wanted far too much money.

Club officials said the people concerned obviously felt Cringila are a rich club but this isn't the case.

The new man formerly played in goal with Polonia and lives in the northern suburbs of Illawarra.

Wollongong Macedonia won't be winning any popularity contest down Warilla way after the recent abandonment of the Spanish Cup.

Warilla run the cup over a full weekend every year and Macedonia always sent an almost full strength team to take part.

This year Macedonia were beaten in the Saturday round-robin series and had to return on the Sunday for a play-off with Cringila for third place.

Cringila players were there ready to go, the referees were there and about 500 spectators turned up but Macedonia didn't.

Their secretary, Bob Kezovski, arrived with the cup as Macedonia won it in 1985 and announced his team would not be playing.

STATE LEAGUE



ACTION from the Illawarra League as Michael Grew from Bulli challenges Peter Thompson of Fernhill.

"He gave no reason and just left," Warilla secretary John Vela said.

"It meant we had to call the game off and also the final between Warilla and Port Kembla later in the day."

The Warilla-Port Kembla game will be played in the near future and Cringila have already been given their third prizemoney cheque.

Warilla have also asked the ISA to issue an ultimatum to their clubs not to take part in any competition organised by Macedonia.

Fairy Meadow secretary Walter

Chickkan wasn't at all surprised that centre-half Larry Beringer did so well in the State League Rothman's Medal.

The talented defender missed out by just a point despite the fact Fairy Meadow finished on the bottom of the table.

Chickkan said Beringer had a very good year, leading the side well at times under a lot of pressure. "The big thing in his favour was that he didn't receive a yellow card all season and that is a tremendous achievement with your side struggling to survive," Chickkan said.

Beringer is determined to stay in the State League and seems

certain to leave Fairy Meadow before the start of the next season.

The ISA stages their presentation night at Corrimal Leagues Club on Friday with Bulli the big attraction, having won the league undefeated and also the grand final.

Illawarra competitions are backed by Toohey's and that company will again be ploughing about \$12,000 into district Soccer in 1987.

The Premier League player of the year will be announced at the function and it is a wide open affair with no one player really standing out.

South Tasmania

WITH "VAN DIJCK"

COLIN GUEST IS MEDAL WINNER

COLIN GUEST, 22, a striker with Launceston Juventus, was more surprised than anyone at being named the

1986 Rothmans Gold Medal winner for Tasmania.

Guest, who polled 29 votes, was announced as the winner by the Tasmanian Premier, Mr Robin Gray, at the award presentation night held at the West Point Casino Convention Centre on Friday 26th September.

"I was very surprised as I just came down for the occasion," said Guest, who has only been in Tasmania for a season after arriving from Yorkshire to join his brother, Ernie, at Juventus.

"I received an invitation but I didn't expect to win. I did well in the league but I'd had a few arguments with the referees and I was sur-

prised that they put that aside and picked me on my playing ability rather than on my character.

"I'm really chuffed about it."

Guest, who has played for English Third Division side Bury's youth and reserve teams, came to Tasmania at the invitation of his brother.

He has made quite an impact in his first sea-

son, scoring 27 league goals and starring in the Northern Honeychurch Premier League representative side's two games against the Southern Cadbury State League representative team.

Guest and his English girlfriend, Maxine, will return home for Christmas but he will be back in time for next season.

"Juventus are a great club. The committee haven't pressured me into anything but they've been there when I've needed them and solved any problems I've had."

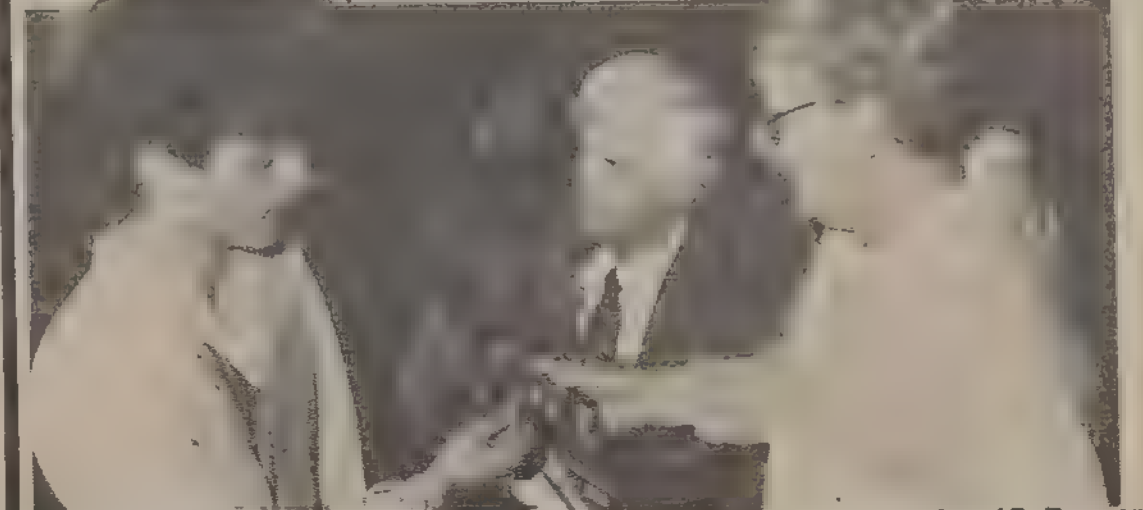
Sixteen-year-old Andy Fraser of Launceston United came second with 26 votes, while Metro-Claremont defender Michael McIntyre was third on 22.

Leading vote-getters: 29 Colin Guest (Launceston Juventus); 26 Andy Fraser (Launceston United); 22 Michael McIntyre (Metro-Claremont); 20 Tommy McKenna (Devonport City), John Compagne (Ulverstone United); 19 Chris Hey (Olympia-WPL); 18 Alistair Hales (Howrah), Peter Sawdon (George Town), Richard Leszczynski (White Eagles).

OAK TURNER CUP



ALAN GILDAY (Cardiff High School) receives his Oak Turner Cup winners' pennant from Mr Allan Taylor



Peter Fragakis, the captain of J.J. Cahill High Schools under 15 Soccer team, receives a runners-up pennant from Mr Barry Black, senior sales representative for the OAK Dairy Company following the final of the "Bill Turner Cup" at Macquarie Field, Speers Point. The boys from Mascot played brilliantly throughout. Bill Turner is in the background.

THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

FAGAN — CAMERON DUET QUITE POSSIBLE AT NORTH STAR

ENGLISH STRUCTURE FAVOURED

Current player-coach Iain Fagan has told the club he wants to scale down his involvement to spend more time with his family and has put a proposal to the club, which met Coalstars in last weekend's grand

QUEENSLAND XXXX League grand finalists North Star could adopt an English management structure next season.

final.

Fagan wants to become the club manager and wants current veteran player Jim Cameron to take over the coaching reins.

Fagan believes the manager-coach situation will make North Star the most professional outfit in the league.

Although at 32, Fagan is not as old as the 39-

year-old Cameron, it could be the last playing season for both.

"I am getting to that stage," Cameron said to questions on whether he was interested in a coaching position.

Ironically the two men who could lead the club next year, were involved in an end of season twist that saw Cameron take Fagan's

place in the grand final team.

Fagan, the side's sweeper, was a last minute withdrawal from the North Star preliminary final team when he succumbed to a stomach upset.

Cameron, who has been a reserve for much of the season, was the late inclusion and then played so well that Fagan could not leave him out of the team for the grand final.

"That's football," Fagan said.

Perry Park update

... AND THE GREEN GRASS GREW ALL ROUND, AND ROUND ...

PERRY PARK, Queensland Soccer's headquarters, is set for off-season upgrading.

Queensland Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco has announced that the playing surface will be "ploughed" immediately after the conclusion of this season. The field will then be re-planted with Kikuyu grass.

Perry Park ground staff have experimented

with patches of various grasses around the field this year and the dry Brisbane winter has proved quite clearly that Kikuyu is the way to go.

While the majority of the field now is brown and dusty, the Kikuyu patches are thriving and stand out prominently.

The re-turfing of the ground should end the constant criticism of Soccer headquarters.

Although once the pride of Queensland Soccer, the ground has

deteriorated in recent years, largely due to constant use, and now most teams dread being allocated a Perry Park game.

The goalmouths are dustbowls and good passing is difficult in the bumpy conditions.

"It's long overdue. Someone was going to seriously injury themselves because of the unevenness," longtime Perry Park critic, North Star coach Iain Fagan said.

SOLID GOLD GUARANTEES REQUIRED BY THE QSF

THE Gold Coast Soccer clubs have voted 10-1 in favor of pressing ahead with a proposal to field a team in the Brisbane XXXX League competition.

At a "meeting of interested parties", the club backed a proposal to form a new club within the Gold Coast and Albert Soccer Federation to play in the XXXX League.

By creating the new entity, the Federation will avoid the problems which beset the former Gold Coast State League team, which was white-anted by local clubs.

But Queensland Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco, who clear-

ly still remembers the embarrassment of Gold Coast United in his top league, is still not 100 percent convinced.

Before he will accept an application from the Gold Coast he wants the clubs to overwhelmingly back the proposal at a special general meeting, and Brusasco wants to word the relevant motion.

The QSF needs another team in its top league because the return of the two NSL clubs Brisbane City and Lions has created an 11 team league (Lions already had a side in the XXXX League), and the QSF is against a bye.

Although the forma-

tion of a new team will sap the best players from the Gold Coast competition, most officials on the coastal strip believe they must grab their opportunity.

"This is something we have planned towards for the past three years and if we don't make the move now, the opportunity may never arise again," GCASF vice-chairman Peter Williamson said today.

"While we have been adequately providing Soccer and facilities for the clubman and average enthusiast, we have not been providing opportunities for the elite player.

"If we are accepted into the XXXX League, then there will be no reason for any talented youngster to leave the coast for a Brisbane club."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send your letter to
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Please keep them all brief — preferably typed.

MARCONI VERSUS OLYMPIC

THOUGH I fear you will not have the "guts" to publish this letter, I feel strongly enough, even two days later, to write it nevertheless.

I went to Barton Park for the NSL semi finals and came away convinced I had seen an injustice perpetrated on the Marconi Club.

Several sports writers and the Marconi officials have hinted at it. I, having no allegiance to any sector, being "only a paying spectator" can afford to be more forthright.

These are MY opinions NOT YOURS, so I dare you to print them. Soccer in the long run, can only suffer from this blind-eye attitude, and that is sick.

[We regret that we have to decline your challenge, for reasons that must be obvious to you. — ED]

REFS AND LINESMEN

WITH the season almost over I would have to thank you for the privilege of writing to you on Soccer and Queensland.

In a letter two weeks ago from a Greek chap, which I liked and in which he made a lot of sense, he talked about referees and he did remark that there are some good ones. But, most of them I have watched this last five to 10 years want to grow up. Occasionally the referee might not be able to see what is going on, but where are his linesman, "sleeping as usual".

I can honestly say between playing and watching when I was a kid, back in Belfast, I have enjoyed the game for over 40 to 50 years so I'm thinking of "retiring" and I'm sure most of our referees here in Queensland will be glad to hear that.

I see Mr Ray Gatt, Sydney Morning Herald "chief" Soccer writer had a look at the Rothman's Gold Medal prospects, but funny enough, no Queenslanders on it. I watched Queensland beating NSW 1-0 and there wasn't too many good NSW men.

Sam McGregor, Inala Qld.

[Ray Gatt only covered the Northern Division prospects for the medal. You will have seen Carlo del Porto's report 30.9.86 which included Queensland players. — Ed]



BRIAN STYLES — coach of Coalstars.

QSF BLOWS WHISTLE ON FIRST LINESMEN

THE Queensland Soccer Federation management committee will have a representative on the referees' appointments board next season after a major clash between the two bodies prior to last weekend's grand final.

The committee initially failed to accept the panel submitted by the Queensland Soccer referees federation for the grand final and consensus was reached only after a long and heated meeting, just five days before last Sunday's clash.

Well-respected Alan Kibbler refereed last weekend's clash between Coalstars and North Star while the other officials were Gordon Nicholson, Ken Adriaansen and Wayne Smith.

It is understood the management committee rejected the original selection of another linesman.

"They (the referees)

stressed they had the right to submit the panel but we respectfully reserved the right to disagree," QSF president Ian Brusasco said.

"We wanted the best three people in charge of the match and we didn't think we had them."

The QSF constitutionally always has had the right to have a representative on the appointment's board, but until now has never taken the option.

But last week's episode has strained relations between the two bodies.

QSRF president and national vice-president Dieter Klose was upset that the panel should be questioned.

"A lot of thought went into the panel. We just didn't draw names out of a hat," Klose said.

Although Queensland referees try to rotate the big matches to ensure all their officials gain valuable experience, the grand final officials are usually decided by using inspection reports.

Those whose season match averages are the highest get the grand final.



THE Coalstars squad that took out the Queensland State League by defeating rivals North Star 2-1.

DEFENDER CAMERON PEARSE HEADS FOR SYDNEY TOWN

ONE of Queensland's most promising young defenders is moving to Sydney — and he wants to join a National League club.

North Star and Queensland youth team fullback Cameron Pearse has taken up a sales position in Sydney and will move south on November 1.

Pearse, 18, has played

a key role in the North Star team which this year won the premier-ship, were Ampol Cup finalists and reached the grand final.

Pearse, who trialled with West German club FC Cologne last year, is a white form player and is certain to be snapped up by one of the NSL clubs. Marconi's Les Scheinflug will know Pearse well as he has looked at him a number of times for his national youth squad.

Lions trialled Pearse early this year and took him on their North Queensland tour.

But Pearse opted to return to North Star where he played much of his junior football.

"I am still eligible to play in the national youth team so I hope I can force my way in after the qualifying rounds," Pearse said.

"I would certainly like to get into a Sydney National League club so I will get noticed more."



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SAM SOTIRIOU ... another Southampton offer.

SAM SOTIRIOU COULD GO TO SOUTHAMPTON

SAM SOTIRIOU is only 14 but the Kogarah boy who plays with the St George Under 15 Youth League team is preparing for one of the big steps in his life.

The youngster has received a favourable reply from English First Division club Southampton to trial with them in December.

Sotiriou also had a offer to take part in a special junior tournament in August but it was rejected by his father Andrew.

"Financial reasons were one stumbling block but I thought he would learn more during five weeks with Southampton than in a Soccer tournament of one week," said Mr Sotiriou.

"The December offer includes training with the apprentices during the day and the juniors at evening."

Sam does most of his training with the St George Under 19 team and is so enthusiastic that his father has built a goal with nets in the back yard for his teenage son to improve his accuracy and heading.

The recent visit to Southampton by St George team-mate Stephane Jee, who has been named in the Australian Under 16 team for the world championship elimination series, has been another source of inspiration for Sam.

REVESBY MILPERRA LIONS U13



THE Lions this year represented Bankstown District Soccer Football Association in the NSW Champion of Champions series.

In fact they have been in the competition for the last five years and in 1985 they were runners-up.

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The players are: FRONT ROW: Mark Christmas, Matthew Bell, Matthew Howes, David Bayliss, Mark Hester, Matthew Rakowski.

MIDDLE ROW: Shayne Puckeridge, Adam Shacallis, Mark MacPherson, Glen Cottrill, David Bowen.

BACK ROW: John Shacallis (coach) Steven Irving, Guy Trappett, Hayden Butter, Adam Powell, Cliff Powell (manager).

WEST KEMPSEY SOCCER CLUB

MRS Pauline Fisher has written with the news that Phillip Fisher (formerly Williams) is the son of former brilliant Australian international left-back Harry Williams.



PICTURED are the following boys in the year's under 13 team: BACK ROW: A. Wilmot, J. Watts, G. Rootes, C. Boylan, B. Farrawell, D. Crotty, J. Lord, P. Fisher (captain), J. Hawes, B. Watkins, A. Fleton. FRONT ROW: T. Salmund, M. Smith, D. Fisher, S. Hardy.

Phillip and David Fisher played with the West Kempsey U13s, and they won the Macleay Valley Soccer Football Associations premiership in their grade.

They then went on to represent North Coast at Newcastle in the Northern NSW

Championships. Both are in the U14 and 13 years branch training squads for the 1987 State Championships.

Phillip is keen to know if there are cases of fathers and sons playing 1st grade Soccer or for Australia.

It has happened many

times with first grade and the only instance we are aware of in which a father and son have represented Australia is in the case of Brunswick Juventus' Mike Petersen and his father. We stand to be corrected.

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U/15's & U/16's

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October 20
October 27



October 9
October 16
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THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

SHONA SHOWS REAL STYLE

VICTORIA'S women's Soccer team would not be the same without its captain Shona Bass.

She is so enthusiastic that she also acts as assistant coach of the squad.

Ever since 1974, when interstate women's competitions began, she has been in the Victorian team.

That is, with one exception. Five years ago she missed out when she holidayed overseas.

Shona works hard in the midfield engine room and captained her state at the AWSA championships for the sixth time.

She coached the Victorian U17 team in the U17 Nationals in Sydney early in the year, and is also captain-coach of the very strong Greensborough team, the regular winners of the Victorian championship.

Three brothers played Soccer and that led her to join up and play the game.



AUSTRALIAN and Victorian midfielder (white shirt) Shona Bass getting the better of an opponent. She has captained Victoria for six straight years.



THE VICTORIAN state women's squad. At right is Victorian coach Jane Melville.



VICTORIAN star Jane Oakley is set on beating her opponent from the USA West Coast team in this shot taken in Melbourne. USA won 2-1.



Chris Henson (left) and Joanne Byers (right) of Putney Town tangle with Shelly Walker of Forest United in this NSW WSL game at Morrison Bay — PHOTO LEE OWENS

MELROSE PARK'S SUCCESS

IT came as no surprise when Albury Wodonga's Melrose Park Rangers secured four places in the ACT representative team last month.

Defender Maria Martinez and Jennefer Piltz, midfielder / Laura Cameron and forward Mandy Wilson all won selection in what was Albury's first run as part of the ACT.

The AW Womens

Soccer Association was formed in 1979 and Melrose Park were runners-up in the opening season.

For good measure they have won the competition ever since, scoring 495 goals to 37 against.

Things have gone well in the cup also — eight straight wins from the inception, scoring 53 goals and conceding five.

Apart from the four Melrose Park players, ACT representative honours went to Sandy Schubert, Tracey Foley and Linda Howcroft (Albury Hotspurs) and Katarina Lorch (West Wodonga).

— FROM LES FARKAS



PETER O'HARE, manager of Brad Garlick Ford, presents the Gladesville Hornsby Primary Schools Shield to Megan Cotton, captain of the Denistone East P.S. team.

LETTERS

BORDER BATTLE

WE believe that the so called tug-of-war for the affiliation of the ALBURY-WODONGA WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION was incorrectly reported by Mr Finlay.

THE FACTS ARE: (1) At the beginning of the 1986 season the AWSA decided to reaffiliate with the NSWWSAF.

(2) A letter was received by the AWWSA from the ACTWSA inviting either a club or rep team to enter their June long weekend tournament.

(3) The AWWSA had asked the ACTWSA to a meeting of their respective executive members to discuss possible

affiliation of the ACTWSA. (see ASW article July 8)

(4) It is true that the NSWWSAF gave no notice of interest or dis-interest in our players, thus the players had no interest in participating in NSW state championships.

(5) The AWWSA secretary, Mrs Cotterill then followed the correct procedure through the proper channels; ie. letters to the NSWWSAF, ACTWSA, and the AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION, with the Australian body having discussions with NSW, ACT, AND VIC associations on the matter.

(6) The matter was not in a "tug-a-war" or "deadlock" as quoted by Mr Finlay, as the national body was

handling the affiliation issue with an open mind.

(7) The matter was not informed to the media, local or interstate and Mrs Cotterill acted correctly by stating the media was not required to be informed until a discussion was made by the appropriate body, the AWSA.

(8) Mr Finlay's heavy words of "double standards" holds no water as the only time the media was informed of the matter was when I presented them with a copy of the ASW article written by Mr Finlay, and the media has still to this date not informed the general public.

The job of informing the media is left to the publicity officer as assigned in the association procedures.

In conclusion, THE LOCAL MEDIA have supported the move by the AWWSA to affiliate with the ACTWSA as it gives the opportunity to the Albury/Wodonga girls to play a higher

standard of Soccer.

This was demonstrated by: (a) TV — AMV4 reporting of ACT training session conducted in Albury (b) Paper — BORDER MORNING MAIL publishing daily the results from the Nat. titles with reports of the games.

Les Farkes, Publicity Officer, Albury Wodonga, Womens Soccer Association

THE LONG AND THE SHORT OF IT

ONCE again, I am drawn to information in how our so called coaches in Soccer pick top sides.

It seems apparent that skills do not really count, but how tall a player is.

Just recently I heard of a youth missing out on selection because of his height. The youth's parents are quite pleased the lad made the short list and felt

proud, however I can't not accept the reason.

I had the pleasure of representing my company in Adelaide and on my rest days and seen some of those boys play. The skills and agility of a youth greatly outweighed height. This should not isolate one area, but it seems a common occurrence in sport today.

Tell me for comparison, in our Soccer's or National team how many players are under 183cm or in old terms, 6ft in height.

Its about time parents don't take things as said but involve and question statements of "sorry son your too short".

I write to you because I am so mad that we lose good players to these sorts of carry ons. Take our short greats in Soccer: Kevin Keegan, Craig Johnston, Kenny Dalglish, Terry Butler and Joe Watson, Paulo Rossi, Maradona. I have already mentioned and under FIFA. I can field this short list.

In closing, to those young lads who miss out, keep trying. You'll be noticed even the short guy's.

Name supplied, Greenfield Park.

A CREED FOR SUCCESS

FIRSTLY, let me say that I do not believe that there is an active "anti-Soccer" section in Australia. What I think there is, is a complacent "pro-Soccer" section who are too lazy to voice their opinions.

It is time all of us Soccer pacifists become fighters for Soccer.

We have been short-changed for too long by way of little or no Soccer coverage. Is this the fault of the media or all levels of Soccer administration?

If the ASW do not receive any game reports, results or whatever, how are they expected to print it? The same can be said for all

the so called anti-Soccer media. How can it be printed or broadcast if information is not received?

It is no good complaining to each other about what a rough deal Soccer is getting. What would help would be to direct your complaints or suggestions to the appropriate people.

If there are not enough games shown on your local TV station — let the TV station know.

If the newspapers do not publish Soccer stories — write letters to the Editor.

If you would like a Soccer segment on the radio — let the radio station know.

Finally, whatever you do, keep the pressure on the media and let them know that you are not happy with the present amount of Soccer coverage, or should that be non-coverage.

Soccer has got the numbers, so let's not be silent any longer.

Mick Creed, Wagga 2650

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'74 SOCCEROO RE-UNION

THE full lists of both teams are as follows:

THE 1974 SOCCEROOS: PETER WILSON, JOHNNY WARREN, ATTI ABONYI, RAY RICHARDS, MANFRED SCHAEFER, JIMMY ROONEY, ERNIE CAMPBELL, ADRIAN ALSTON, RAY BAARTZ, COL CURRAN, DOUG UTJESENOVIC, HARRY WILLIAMS, JACK REILLY, ALLAN MAHER, JIMMY MACKAY, BRANKO BULJEVIC, PETER OLLERTON and MAX TOLSON.

THE AUST. SOCCER MEDIA: FRANK COLETTA (Australian Soccer Weekly), RAY GATT (Sydney Morning Herald), STEFAN KAMASZ (NSL Monthly), TERRY GREEDY (Australian Soccer Weekly), EDDIE THOMSON (Sunday Telegraph), LES MURRAY (SBS TV), PETER WILKINS (ABC TV), MIKE COCKERILL (Sydney Morning Herald), ANDREW PASCHALIDIS (Radio 2GB), NEIL JAMESON (Newcastle Herald), TITO POZO (Spanish Herald), JOHN ECONOMOS (Australian Soccer Weekly), TED SIMMONS (Australian Associated Press) and DAVID HILL (ABC and SBS TV).

ON October 19, the day of the National Grand Final second leg, the biggest re-union match of the 1974 Socceroos ever staged will kick off at 12.45pm at Parramatta Stadium.

The match is being sponsored by ATTACK Sports, MITRE Sports, AMBASSADOR Trophies and ANSETT Airlines and Soccer Weekly.

The match will be played over two 40 minutes periods with a 10 minute half-time, the final whistle at approximately 2.15pm.

Officials for the match will be Tim Davies, Peter Rampley, Doug Rennie and Barry Wilkinson.

Rale Rasic will lead out the Socceroos and Charlie Jurisic will be the physio on the day.

During the run up to the match ASW is spotlighting the players from both sides.

NOTE: Refer all inquiries to organisers FRANK COLETTA and/or RAY GATT on 660 2033.

ERNIE CAMPBELL: Much travelled and extrovert manager — Tommy Docherty, is one of the men Ernie thanks for his climb to the top in Australian football. While he was here as manager of the touring Chelsea club in 1965, Docherty assessed Campbell's great potentials while the young star was appearing in a Canterbury District match preceding Chelsea's match with NSW.

The result was an apprenticeship with Chelsea, a post Campbell held for seven months. On his return to Sydney, Ernie was snapped up by APLA. He rewarded their confidence in him by scoring a hat-trick in APLA's 3-2 victory over St. George in the 1967 NSW Grand Final. All goals came in the last nine minutes — one of the most memorable scoring feats in Australian football.

Ernie's first representative honours were gained with the Canterbury District under 12 side, playing on the wing. Later he played for the full NSW State team and of course for the Socceroos.

Australia would have had much trouble qualifying for the 1974 World Cup finals had it

not been for Ernest. Trailing 0-1 to New Zealand in the first Cup qualifier in Auckland, 1973, Australia seemed doomed to defeat until he slotted home the equaliser to give the Aussies a point which was to prove decisive later.

He scored again against Indonesia in Sydney and put on a great performance in Australia's 3-1 victory over Iraq. He played in the World Cup finals and the 1975 series against the USSR under Brian Green was his last international assignment.

The tricky forward transferred from APLA to Marconi in 1971 and switched to Sydney City in early 1978. He then ended up with Sydney Croatia and now has the odd kick-about with NSW State League club Trasandinos.

COL 'BUNNY' CURRAN: During the height of the euphoria surrounding Australia's qualification for the 1974 World Cup, coach Rale Rasic claimed his left back, Col Curran, as the best footballer in the nation.

Rarely are defenders paid such a compliment, but the way Bunny was playing at the time, Rasic wasn't far wrong.

Like another Newcastle product, Ray Baartz, Col had a spell with Manchester United, playing in the club's Youth team in 1964/65, alongside Brian Kidd and Francis Burns who were to become headliners.

Col emerged from the West Wallsend juniors and made his mark with Adamstown as a senior.

He represented Northern NSW against AS Roma, Manchester United, Manchester City, Romania B and Slovan Bratislava before he was picked for Australia's 1970 world tour.

It was on that tour that he established himself as the Aussie full-back that was being searched for. It came as no surprise then when Marconi agreed to pay \$7000 for him shortly after his return from overseas.

But after Marconi had paid the first \$2000 instalment, Col developed a hernia which required an operation and a long lay-off from Soccer.

He returned to Adamstown and then joined Western Suburbs.

After playing so well in the qualifying games, 'Bunny' almost missed the 1974 finals due to an injury sustained in Indonesia on the way to West Germany. But with the grit that is so typical of Newcastle-bred players, Col worked day and night on exercising the injured leg, and was fit to play by the time of the first

match in Hamburg.

He played against Legia Warsaw in early 1975 but the left back position was then taken over by George Harris and fellow '74 Socceroo — Harry Williams.

However when Harry could not travel overseas during the 1977 World Cup series, Col was recalled to play against Kuwait twice, South Korea, Hong Kong and Iran, as well as Singapore in a friendly.

He finished his career back home in Newcastle with the side in the then PSL after being persuaded back by long time friend — Ray Baartz. Predictably he was one of the best players in 1978.

NAME: TED SIMMONS
MEDIA SOURCE: Aust. Associated Press (AAP)
BIRTHDATE and PLACE: Sydney, a long time ago (5-8-1928).
NICKNAME: Simmo or Deadly Teddly.
WEIGHT and HEIGHT: 80kg, trying for 78 and 1.75 metres reducing.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish.
FAV MUSIC: The Big Band era and jazz.
FAV HOLIDAY RESORT: Cruising anywhere.
FAV OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, tennis.
FAV ACTOR/ESS: Sean Connery, Gina Lollobrigida.
FEARS: Not being replaced before half-time.
LIKES: Surfing, dancing and music.



Col Curran and Peter Wilson in Aussie colours.

SCHEINFLUG'S YOUTH SQUAD

BY KEITH GILMOUR

A PARTY of fifteen Youth players receive the first chance to claim World Youth Cup places in New Zealand on October 25.

Coach Les Scheinflug has announced a strong 15-man squad to play the Kiwis as early game to the senior international in Auckland.

But, as Scheinflug warned the players, that is only the start.

In each of the following stages every one of the 24 in the main squad will receive the chance to claim a position in the final selection.

Of the present 15 almost half come from NSW after making allowance for the state of origin for those who are at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

After the game in

Auckland Scheinflug will have 24 players in the AIS for a week.

Next, 15 of them will be selected to play against the Australian Schoolboys at Parramatta Stadium on November 2, as early game to the return Australia — New Zealand Test.

Then Scheinflug has the job of selecting 15 from the entire 24 to visit Thailand for the Queens Cup from November 19 to December 12.

"Here we will meet national teams from other countries. It will be a tremendous test," Scheinflug said.

Included in the Queens Cup will be China, South Korea and Denmark.

"After Thailand the players will train on. Maybe some of them won't end up fitting into my ideas.

"All will be on trial until the squad is selected to go to New Zealand for the Oceania elimination round for the World Youth Cup in mid January," Scheinflug said.

The prize for Australia, New Zealand, Chinese Taipei, Papua New Guinea or Fiji will be a place in the World Youth Cup in Canada in mid July.

Canberra City sweeper George Kulscar will miss the current trip to New Zealand due to injury and Adelaide Hellas midfielder Lou Hristodoulou is also under a cloud.

Tasmania is represented for the first time in the person of Kurt Reynolds.

The squad is: Goalkeepers: George Bouhoutsas and Brett Hughes (NSW). Defenders: Damien Harley (SA), Kurt Reynolds (AIS, Tas), Darren Northam (N.S.W.), Alex Cummings (WA), Midfielders: Jason Polak (AIS, Q), John Koch (AIS, Q), Lou Hristodoulou (SA), Craig Moffitt (NSW), John Markovski (Vic). Strikers: Scott Ollerenshaw (NSW), Alistair Edwards (WA), Jason van Blerk (AIS, NSW), Abbas Saad (NSW).

Stand-by players: Defenders: George Kulscar (ACT), David Healey (AIS, Vic), Strikers: Paul Trimboli (Vic), John Anastasios (Vic).

NORTHERN TASMANIA WINS INTRASTATE

THE Northern Tasmanian senior representative side recovered from a 0-1 deficit in their first of a two-legged match to win the second, 3-1, and take the series 3-2 on aggregate in Hobart, September 21.

The first leg was won in the dying seconds of the game when Ian Parker drove it past Carstens.

But the second leg was decided well before the end.

The Northerners were better prepared for the

return match. Missing from the line-up included striker Peter Sawdon who had returned to England, but in the side were Steve Morley and coach Peter Savill.

Colin Guest opened the scoring midway through the first half.

Bob Stillie added a second midway through the second half and Guest made it three a few minutes later.

The South's only reply in a lacklustre display came from the first game's scorer, Ian Parker, not long before the end.

The North's domi-

nance of the second game proved too much for a ragged Southern team, and the result gave the North the two-match series, 3-2 on aggregate.



Croatia-Glenorchy's John McIntyre finished the season with 13 goals.

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TWO DIVISIONS AND NATIONAL PLAY-OFF

AUSTRALIAN Soccer fans are well aware that former Kiwi national coach John Adshead does his homework before he makes his moves. Adshead favours two divisions based on geographical considerations, with a play-off between the two top teams from each region to determine the New Zealand champions. HERE IS HIS VIEWPOINT:

Adshead's format for top league

JOHN ADSHEAD, New Zealand's most successful national coach, has come up with a format for top soccer in this country based on an initial regional competition and culminating in a play off between the top two teams from each division.

The current NZFA plan is to increase the national league next season to 14 teams but Adshead is not in favour of that scheme.

"Are two extra teams going to revolutionise the league?" he asks. "I don't believe it will, it will just create a more costly league."

The thinking behind Adshead's format is to stop excessive costs, increase gates (more local derbies) and still retain a national competition with the top four teams in the country playing off at the end.

"It is the basis of something to be fine tuned," Adshead told *Soccer Express*.

"It also keeps the doors open for promotion/relegation and you will still have the best players involved as I believe the best players will filter to the best clubs."

Adshead has taken heed of the NZFA's criteria for their proposed invitational league and has highlighted the need for playing surfaces to be improved around the country.

"The NZFA has laid down a fairly hefty criteria for clubs hoping to make the invitation-only league. I feel a good quality playing surface is the most important requirement," stressed Adshead.

"Quite frankly, most of the fields used by leading clubs in the Auckland area aren't up to scratch and they are affecting the standard of our play."

"I believe our top football should be played more on a regional basis with the leading clubs coming together at the end of the season to find the best in the country."

"The money saved on travel costs by doing this can immediately be pumped into improving playing surfaces and ground facilities which the NZFA is demanding."

Adshead has listed 13 teams in his Northern Division, indicating that Manurewa, Papatoetoe and University need to upgrade their grounds.

The Swiss Maid teams included are subject to meeting the NZFA criteria and their 1986 league positions.

Here's the split:
NORTHERN DIVISION
10 teams from this list of 13 like ly contenders:
North Shore United
Mount Wellington

Gisborne
Napier City Rovers
Manurewa
Papatoetoe
University
Hamilton
Mount Maunganui
Takapuna City
Howick
Mount Roskill
West Auckland
CENTRAL/SOUTHERN DIVISION

Manawatu United
Miramar Rangers
Wellington
Nelson United
Christchurch United
Dunedin City
Winner Central League
Runners-up Central League
Winner Southern — North
Winner Southern — South
*If Napier win Central, then second and third go in, as Napier to be included in Northern Division.

The details of Adshead's proposal are:

■ Each league to play two rounds. Prize money based on a total sponsorship of say \$180,000 to be divided as follows: Each league: first \$12,000, second \$6,000, third \$3,000.

■ There would be a travel subsidy of \$17,000 in the northern league, (mainly to help Gisborne and Napier) and an allocated \$75,000 for travel in the central-southern league because of the greater costs for all teams.

■ On completion of the league the bottom northern team will be relegated and replaced by the top side from the Swiss Maid League. The winner of the play-off between the winners of the lower central and southern leagues will also be promoted.

■ The top four clubs from each league will play for the club championship of New Zealand.

■ To make the championship fairer I suggest the two winners from their leagues start the play-offs with three bonus points, the second placed teams with two points and the third placed sides with one point.

■ Each team will play four games (two home, two away) against the top four sides from the opposite league. Prize money will be \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 for the first three and each team will get a travel subsidy of \$2,000.

■ The remaining six teams in each league will be joined by the top two regional teams from their area for a Regional Cup competition which could be sponsored separately.

■ There's a need for international competition for our best clubs and the winner of the New Zealand club championship could represent the country overseas. □

—BRIEFLY FROM— SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA: ARGENTINOS Juniors, reigning Copa Libertadores champions, beat countrymen River Plate 2-0 to keep alive their chances of qualifying for the final once more.

With this win over River, Juniors now have to overcome Barcelona of Ecuador in the final encounter of the semi-final group.

Points table: River Plate 5, Argentinos Jnrs. 3, Barcelona 2.

COLOMBIA: Champion Colombian club America de Cali left it very late in their semi-final group encounter with Bolivar to take the game 2-1 at home.

The Bolivian club actually went into the lead in the 47th minute through Jorge Hirano and America left it till the 80th minute to equalise through Alex Escobar.

The home crowd agonised until five minutes from the end when Ricardo Gareca netted to secure the win.

Points table: Olimpia 3, America 3, Bolivar 2.

CHILE: Cobrelos lead the Chilean League on 20 points from Deportes Concepcion, who are two points adrift.

PERU: Sporting Cristal have skipped into a four point lead over Alianza Lima following a 2-1 win over San Agustin.

COLOMBIA: Despite their successes in the Copa Libertadores, America de Cali still have not been able to haul in leaders Millonarios, who still have a one point break on them. The rest are five points and more behind, and out of the running.

ARGENTINA: A surprise in the land of the World Cup holders. Unfancied Rosario Central and Newell's Old Boys are level on top after 12 rounds with 16 points. One of the favourites — Independiente are two behind.

URUGUAY: Following a 2-1 win over Rampla Juniors, Nacional have joined Defensor on top of the Uruguayan League with eight points apiece, although the former have played one less match.

PARAGUAY: At last report Sol de America were leading in Paraguay following their 2-2 draw with Sportivo Luqueno. Collegiales are a point back on ten in second spot.



ACTION from last weeks Spain v Greece international. Andoni Goicoechea goes in on the Greek defence. Spain won 3-1.

ON TOP OF THE WORLD

WHEN Wimbledon was sitting proudly on top of the English First Division after four matches, their impish manager Dave Bassett took great pride at a Wednesday press conference in underlining just why they deserve to be in the bigtime.

"Look at this," he laughed and pointed to a brand new washing machine. "That means the players now don't have to take their own kit home to wash as they did last season."

"We've also got the best playing surface in the League. That's because we never let the ball touch it," he added.

That was a tongue-in-cheek answer to criticism from many other First Division managers that with eight players over 6ft in the side they wage war in the air rather than Soccer.

Bassett, by the way, is 5ft 8ins!

STRIKE

WORKERS at a factory in Lure, France, went on strike after a supervisor who manages the local football team, sacked an employee because he no longer wanted to play for the side!

★★★

SCOTTISH referees are facing an order from the FA to curb their enthusiasm for bookings and dismissals following a hail of protest from clubs and players.

★★★

THE world's greatest ice-cream makers — Noorden Vaaz — have honoured the world's greatest footballer — Diego Maradona — by naming a new brand after this wonderfully talented and entertaining midfielder.

As England's Peter Shilton will no doubt testify, the new ice-cream will need handling with care!

★★★

CHELSEA manager John Hollins has made a plea to the fans to be patient with the side's new formation and style of play after just 11,839 watched their match against Coventry.

Chelsea have been playing three strikers and, following the FA's new coaching policy of trying to reach the front runners with long balls, the Stamford Bridge faithful are voting with their feet and staying away.

★★★

TALK about Greek tragedies. There's been plenty of troubles over in the land of Hercules in the early weeks of the league.

Last season the Greek league was marred with bribes, punch-ups and dozens of red cards.

It's got off to a much quieter start this time though. The players went on strike over working conditions... whatever that means.

★★★

ACE Brazilian club Flamengo FC, already without their injured World Cup stars, Zico and Socrates, hope to sign top-line centre-forward KITA from Inter Limeira FC.

Kita was the leading scorer in the Sao Paulo State Championship this season with 24 goals for Limeira.

★★★

FORMER Aston Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer has joined neighbouring Birmingham City on a free transfer.

Since leaving the club he led to European Cup glory. Mortimer 34, has had a loan spell with Sheffield United and spent last season with Brighton.

Although he had a year of his contract left with the south coast club, they were willing to release him and Blues manager John Bond quickly stepped in.

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READY FOR THE REDS!

WITH Ian Rush on his way to Juventus, definitely at the end of the season and possibly before then, Oxford goalscorer, JOHN ALDRIDGE has made it clear he wants to play for Liverpool.

The 27-year-old striker has a burning desire to turn out for the League and Cup double winners.

But that doesn't mean that the former tool-maker is unhappy at the Manor Ground, far from it in fact.

It's just that he has supported the Super Reds since he was a youngster — and the ambition fuelled from the Kop has never gone.

"It has to be every player's dream to play

for one of the top clubs," he says. "It's always been my ambition to play for Liverpool and it still is."

"I am happy at Oxford, it's a great little club. But ask any footballer who isn't at a club like Liverpool, Manchester United or Spurs and he'll tell you he would like to look back on his career and think that he played for one of the biggest teams in the country."

With Rush's immi-

nent departure from Anfield, the Red recruiters may well be interested in Aldridge.

But it would cost Liverpool quite a bit to purchase Aldridge — anything less than around \$2m would be simply sniffed at by Oxford, who in fact signed him from Newport for just \$150,000 in March, 1984.

The man's goalscoring record speaks for itself. He netted 81 times in less than six seasons at Newport, and added 68 for the Manor Ground team in just over two full seasons!

Yet despite this amazing record, Aldridge has

been working at his personal fitness in an effort to find even more goals.

He has turned his garage in Oxfordshire into a mini-gym, working with weights regularly and notes this work and extra muscle is necessary as "defenders will be wiser to me this time round. They'll make it difficult, but I am confident that I will always score goals."

Aldridge has a double aim this season — to add to last season's Milk Cup triumph — and help his adopted country (Eire) reach the European Championship finals.

Aldridge is a Republic

of Ireland international even though he's very much a Liverpool lad. He qualified for Jack Charlton's team through his great grandmother — and now he's an Irishman at heart.

During the summer, he featured in Ireland's 2-1 win over Iceland, and then helped his team beat Czechoslovakia 1-0 — even though he missed a penalty!

"Winning away from home was important," he says. "Ireland has a reputation for struggling away from home but those two victories will give us heart when we face three difficult away games in the Championships."

EVERTON and Wales left-back, PAT VAN den HAUWE has been struck down with a horrid ailment.

The 28-year-old Belgian born defender has arthritis of the right knee and ankle. There are now major concerns about his future and he will be fortunate indeed to recover.

★★★★

CHELSEA duo JOEY McLAUGHLIN and MIKE HAZARD are wanted by rival English first division club Newcastle United. Hazard played his first game a fortnight ago for the Stamford Bridge side and scored twice in a 3-1 win over his former club Tottenham Hotspur.



BILLY HAMILTON, the Northern Ireland forward, was absent when Oxford United assembled for its promotional photographic session, but Maurice Evans, the manager, dismissed speculation that his playing career may be over as "ill-founded".

Hamilton, 29, has undergone two cartilage operations in the last 18 months and trained on only two days in the last month. He missed most of Oxford's early matches.

★★★★

SHEFFIELD Wednesday have signed David Hirst from Barnsley for \$550,000 although Allan Clarke, the Oakwell manager, had hoped to keep the forward who scored 10 goals in eight games in his first season.

Clarke was forced into a deal because of Barnsley's cash problems.

"I know our fans will be disappointed, but this was a chance to solve our financial troubles and give the opportunity to a young player to move up into the First Division," said Clarke.

"Hirst possesses remarkable gifts and he'll fit into our team pattern."

★★★★

MANSFIELD's leading scorer of last season Keith Cassells has shocked the newly promoted club by asking for a transfer. He says that his wife can't settle and wants to live back in London.



TRIBUTE: Sir Stanley Rous

THE recent death of Sir Stanley Rous, at the age of 91, could scarcely have come at a more poignant and symbolic moment; just after a World Cup whose overtones of scandal, chicanery and cynicism made many years for the time (1962-74) when Rous himself was president of FIFA.

More and more he had come, in the intervening years, to seem a monument of integrity, a touchstone of what the game used to be and perhaps could be again. The rumbling voice, the massive physique, the aura of physical indestructibility, gave force to the image. Rous looked and sounded the part, of the quintessential English pro-consul.

It was sometimes hard to believe that in fact he was a grocer's son from Suffolk, born in the village of Mutford in April 1895, and that he owed everything he was socially to football.

As a sports master in Watford he became a noted referee; as a referee he was good enough to take the 1934 Cup Final. He be-

came secretary of the Football Association. As FA secretary he became a knight, and in 1962 he became president of FIFA.

Perhaps there were times when he himself found it all hard to believe; or to accept. Such prestige, such hob-nobbing with kings and queens, all made possible by the activities of bare-kneed men running round a football field.

Like many a great administrator, he was not quite at his best with the troops on the ground. It was at Coya, England's 1962 World Cup quarters in Chile, that he would greet the blond Gerry Hitchens, mistaking him for the blond Bobby Charlton, with a cheerful, "Morning Bobby!"

But where football was concerned, Rous had the heart of the matter. When Denis Follows succeeded him as FA secretary, he remarked: "The secretary is the servant of the association and we all know what happened; the servant became the master." Just as well he did. Rous's vision — his scorn for the splendid isolation of

English football — could never have been implemented without his drive and conviction; without his love and knowledge of the game.

Serving in the Artillery during the Great War, Rous subsequently worked for 13 years as the sports master at Watford grammar school, where he was greatly prized.

On the Friday after the 1934 Cup Final, Rous went to Lancaster Gate, one of six candidates to be interviewed for the post of secretary. To his surprise, he succeeded; not least, he thought, because his ability to lip read and communicate with the deaf enabled him to converse with the deaf president, Sir Charles Clegg.

Already, Rous had invented the diagonal system of referee and linesmen which exists to this day. A few years later, he would totally redraft the laws of the game. Before the start of World War II he had also initiated the FA coaching scheme, which would transform football in England. □

Above: JOHN ALDRIDGE in action for Oxford whilst below Everton and Liverpool come together following their drawn Charity Shield match.

